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Town Meeting Novr 9th 1846

~~At a Leg~~ To Josiah Lincoln Constable
of the Town Eastham, Greeting,
In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are requered to notefy and warn the inhabtane
of the Town of Eastham qualefied to vote in
Elections to meet at the Methodist Meeting
House on Monday the ninth day of November
next at twelve O clock at noon to bring
in thier votes to the selectmen for a Governor
and Lieut Govr of the commonwealth and
for two senators on one Ballot for the County
of Barnstable
2d to Bring in their votes for a Representative
in the Congress of the United states for the
Tenth District
3d to see if the Town will vote to send a repr
esentative to the next General Court if so
~~to~~ to Bring in thier votes for that purpose

Michael Collins
David C Atwood Selectmen
Alvin Rogers

At The Above meeting, voted as follows
For Governor, George N Briggs had thirty eight vote
Francis Baylies had fourteen votes
Isaac Davis had fifteen votes
Samuel E Sewell eleven votes
For Lieut Govr, John Reed thirty eight votes
Charles W Moore fourteen votes
George Hood fifteen votes
John M Brewster Eleven votes
For Repte to Congress, Joseph Grinnell, thirty eight vote
Abraham H Howland thirteen votes
Timothy G Coffin fifteen votes
James Barnaby twelve votes

(2) Meeting of November 9th 1846

votes for senator to General Court Continued

For Zeno Scudder Thirty seven votes
" Barnabas Freeman. Thirty seven votes
" Samuel Taylor Eleven votes
" Arther W Crocker Eleven votes
" C. B H Fessenden. fifteen votes
" R. L Thatcher fifteen votes
" D Wood Thirteen votes
Nathaniel Snow Thirteen votes

at The aforsaid Meeting

voted that the school Books Belonging to Town now in the hands E. E. Knowles be Transferd to and kept by the Town school committe

voted that the Town school committe act with the selectmen in examining the accounts of E E Knowles in regard to the Books kept by him settle all accts with him for the same

voted that the school committe draw such sums of money fromm the Town Treasurer as they may think necessary to purchace Book for the use of schools.

Be it Known to all persons and corporations That we the subscribers selectmen of the Town of Eastham for & in behalf of all the inhabitants of sd Eastham have this day taken formal possession of the following described Meddow & flats lying between Bee's River and the Southern line of the Town of Eastham — & comprehend all that pertains of Meadow & flats that was formerly improved as common Pasturage for Horses & Cattle by the Towns of Eastham & Orleans (Except so much thereof as Joshua Cole of Eastham has enclosed by a fence & to which he has a Legal & undisputable Title — and we hereby in the name & behalf of all the inhabitants of sd Eastham Forbid all person and corporations occupying or improving sd meadow in any manner contrary to the directio and instruction of sd Town of Eastham —

Done at Eastham this Twenty sevent Day of January In the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred & Forty Seven

Signed, Michael Collins } Selectmen
D. C. Atwood } Eastham
Alvan Rogers

4) To Josiah Lincoln Constable of february^{15} 15th 184
the Town of Eastham Greeting
Inthename of the Commonwelth of Massachusetts you are herby directed to Notify the Inhabince of the town of Eastham qualifide to vote in town affairs & the Electors of State Offisers to meet at the Congregationlist Meeting House in Eastham on Mondey the fifteenth Dey of February Instent at ten oClock in the forenoon then and thare to act on the following articles

1st to Chose a Moderator

2. to Chose all nesesary town offisers

3d You are hereby requested to Notify the Inhabitance of sd town of Eastham qualifide to vote in lections of State offisers to bringin their votes to the Select Men at one oclock P M for County and Speciel Commissioners of the County of Barnstable all on one ballot

4th to hear the Report of the Selectmen & act thare on

5th to Raise Monney for the Support of Schools, Poor Roads & Bridges to gether with all other Incidentall Charges

6th to see if Town will cause a Road to be laid out from the Nawset Road to the County Road Near joshua Higgins House By Request

7th to se if the Town take Measures to find out who who the Legal Oners of the sedge Ground that Lies between Mulferds Clift and Orleans line on the west side of sd town 2d to adopt some method to bring it a bout 3 to see what disposition they will make of the Surplus should there be any not legally Claimed

8th to see if the town will sustain the claim prefered by the Selectmen to the sedge Ground lying between Bees River and the south Line of the town of Eastham agreabley to their declaration or Recorde

Continued

9th to see ~~if they sell~~ for a turm of Years their Intrest in Medow ~~lying~~ lying at a place clled the flat Ground or otherwise dispose of it. Byrequest

10th to see whet~~her~~ the town will do towords fencing the Town Road from the Beidg to to the ~~Road~~ leeding from the west shore to the heed of the Medow

By request

11th to see if the town will cause the School House in District No 4 to be removed neare the center of the District By Request

12th to see if the town will enlarge or otherwise model & Construct the School House in District No 2 so as to meet the Necessities of sd District

13th to see if the town will appropiate Money from the Surplus fund to pey the expenses of Joseph M Cobb in the ~~In~~ the Insane Horspitol the present winter By Request

14th to see what provision the town will make for the futer support and continunce of a Bridge connected with the Highwey over Boot Medow River

15th to see what Manner the Town will Support the Poor the ensuing year and provide for the same

16 to Bring in their votes for ~~the same~~ a County Tresurer

I have notified the in habitance of Eastham as requested by said warrant

Josiah Lincoln } Constable

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At a Legalmeeting of the Male inhabitents of the town of Eastham a greeable to the afforesaid
1. warrant. Myrick Clark was Chosen Moderator
2nd David Higgins shosen Town Clerk & Treasurer

Selectman) Michael Collins
David C Atwood
Alvan Rogers

fense vuers
Michael Collins
James H Knowles

Assesors) Michael Collins
Zara Higgins
Alvan Rogers

Pound Keeper
Thomas Cobb

Collator of taxes Noah Doane at one and three fourths of percent Bid of at oction also Constable
voted to A Past over the renaining articles to the 16 th to Chose a county Tresure and Brought in thair vates for Fredric Scudder which was fifty five
chosen Field drivers Myrick Smith. Seth Paine Eliger E Knowles John H Higgins ~~Nehemire Doane~~ D C Atwood
tything men) Jonerthan Shurman, Samuel Nickerson, Joshua Higgens & Hatsel Nickerson Seth Paine, Surveyer of highwey Noah Doane
Surveyer of Lumber Barney ~~Doane~~
School Committa. Michael Collins Joshua Higgins & Myrick Clark. the order of the Meting Suspender. an order of notes Red Conserning Isiah Horton being sot to Wellfleet.
the Selecmen in structed to Remonstrate a gains it
3d voted ~~to Suspend the~~ for the Selecmen to Reside for a halfeour to Recieve vaats for a county Commisoners Poles open two hours. Resume the order of the meeting
4th The Selectmans Report Excepted being as ~~follows~~ as follows
Tresures Account for 1846

,,	Cash on hand Recits january. 1st 1846	$293.81
,,	of Freeman Hortan	817.60
	of Elisha Cobb	31.19
	of Heman Doane	4.43

Report Selectmans

Meeting Continued

for Sundry School fund	
Surplus Licences Grass &c &c	155,77
David Higgins	5.71
Davic C Atwood	79
	$.319 21

Expenditures of Clearing Snow ..	306.00
Schools	550:00
Support of Pore	165 00
for books & Settlement of former concern	95 44
for contingences	235.24
	1351 68
	1319 21
Excess of Expenditure over Recpts	$ 32 47

~~Expenditures~~

~~for Clearingsnow~~	~~306 00~~
~~Schools~~	~~550.00~~
~~Support of Poor~~	~~165 00~~

In Settlement with the Tresurer the Acount was found to Stand as follows

Silas Bank

Dr the Town

to the School Committee	18 00
Select Mens Survises	22.00
to Barnabus Lumbers	126,78
Debts out standing acounts	50,00
Towords supporting the Poor	20.00
	$226.78

Credit the town

By Grass sales to sundry persons	6.48
to words Treet Maes House	64.20
from joel Snow Collector 43	2.56
from Freeman Horton 45	10.00
by Bill in the hands of Josiah Lincoln	100.13
	$ 183 37

D Selectmans Report Town Meeting Continued

Barnabus Lombards Account

Thomas Knowles	51.75
Nicholous T. Knowles	131.25
Joshua W. Nickerson.	58.00
Nathan S Knowles	29.80
Barnabus Freeman	19.04
Samuel Knowles	40.00
Simeon Doane jr	67.49
Town of Eastham	126.00
Cash on hand Jan 1st ~~18~~ 1847	43.75
George Ward for Labour 1845.	[illegible]8.00
George Ward for Labour 1846	[illegible]
	$585.78

Surplus Revenue Deposits

Atlas Bank "	300.00
Fremans Bank "	300.00
Granite Bank "	100.00
Merchants Bank "	100.00
	$8[illegible].00

Pursant Securities

Samuel Snow	72	80
Josiah Lincoln	26	12
Freeman Hatch	105	00
Francis Krogman jr	55	00
Freeman Smith	35.	70
Samuel S Krogman	212.	00
Heman Doane	35	52
Cash on hand January 1st 1847	91	55
	$1433.	79

5th voted to Raise Monney for winter school $400.00 for Sumer School 75 dollars together with interest on surplus & Massachusets Sch fund to make 150.00

Support of Poore	200.00
Incidental Charges	300.00
for roads	$150 00

Town Meeting Continued

5th voted to chose a Committa to veiw the Premises as to a Road near Tosiua Higgins and asertain the provea ble expence and report at the ad jurnment the Committa was as follows Michael Collins. James H Knowles. Prince S Harding. Joshua Cole. Obediah Doane.

Voted to Suspend the meting to Call out the voats
3 art for County and speciel Commisioners which was as follows. County Commissioners

Seth Crowell	of Dennis	voats	fifty three
John Newcomb	.. Wellfleet	..	53
Ebenezer Nye	.. Falmouth	..	53
Jesse Boyden	.. Sandwich	..	twenty five
L. D. Basset	.. Barnstable		25
Simeon Higgins	. Orleans		25

Special Commissioners.

John Robinson	of Falmouth ..	twenty five
Michael Collins	.. Eastham	25
Barnabas Doane	.. ..	~~fifty~~ fifty two
Simeon Dillingham	of Sandwig .	52

the clerk cold the meeting to order

7 art In difinately postpond

8th voted to sustain the Seleeman in takeing possession of the Ded shares of Marsh Laying be tween Bees River and th south line of the town of Eastham. The above 8 article was reconsidered at the ad jurnment

9th voted to sell at the ad jurnment the improve ment of Marsh lying on the flat ground fo the turm of three years

10th in diffinately post pond

11th the Selectmen chosen for a committa to see as to moveing School house in District No four to Report at the ad jurnment

12th voted the Selectmen to gether with Barnabas Doane & Joel Snow be a Committa to veiw the School house in ~~dist~~ no, and Report at the adgurnment

Town meeting Continued

13th pastoral) at the adjurnment the town voted not to give any of the surplus to Eli M Cobb and examin the [illegible] over the boat [illegible]

14th Voted to chose a Committee and report at the adjurnment the Committee was Barnabas Doane Joshua H Nickerson Zara Higgins Michael Collins Prince S Harding

15th voted to receive proposels for the Poor of the town till the adjurnment

16 the County Road voted upon under the 2 article

Meeting adjurned til next Monday at one o'clock PM it being the 22 day of February 1847

Met according to adjurnmen. the Meeting Called to order. By the Moderator Myrick Clark

8th voted to Reconsidder the 8 article in the aforesaid warrant.

8th Article votedon as follows to sustain the Selectmen in takeing possession of marsh Lying between Bees River and the South line of the town of Eastham Voted also that there be a Committee of five chosen to ascertain the amount of the Towns property at Bishops Island and elsewhere as taken possession of on the 27.th of January 1847, As recorded on page 3d also that they notify Joshua Cole to Divide such Marsh that they may enjoy it in Severally and proceed in the primises as is provided for in the Law for the Government of General field. The above named Committee as follows Michael Collins Zara Higgins Barnabas Doane James H Knowles Edward C Clark

Town Meeting Continued

6th art) voted to open a ^{pensil} Road Between Joshua Higgins Dwelling house and the house of Stephen C Smiths Running Easturly to the Nawset Road. (No four

11th voted not to Move the schoolhouse in School Dist-
Suspende the order of the Meeting for the School Committa Report to be red and wasexcepted

15th Voted the Poor be Left with the Selecmen to git them Borded in the cheapist manner
Voted to Adjurn 2 weeks which is the 8 Dey of March
At one o.lock ^met according to ajurnment Joshua Higgins chosen Moderator Protem

9th Article takenup which was to sell the improvement of Marsh lying on the flat ground so called for the turm of three years which was bid of at action by the following persons viz.

Paid Ruben Nickerson for ¼ 5/25.66) for one fourth of the
Credit $3-3 6,00 Joshua H. Nickerson for ¼ 6.90 due $2.70) above named grass
Josiah Higgins for ¼ 9.95
Paid Abijah Mayo for ¼ 10/60

the above named grass to be divid bye the purchasers of sd grass
the conditions of sale was Cash within six months from the sale

12th Voted to Build a schoolhouse in ^district No 2 and alter the location, and work in the ould one in to the new on
The Selectmen chosen as a committa to oversee in building Said schoolhouse. And have it Compleated by ~~next novem~~ the first of next December

14th Voted to support and keep the Bridg in repair the in suing year. Prince S Harding chosen for survayor of Highways to take care of the Bridge

5th Article continued. voted to accept the report of the Committa on Bishops Island. which is as follows.
Melanor Committees Report Wednesday 3d March having met at the House of Mr Joshua Cole we Commenced the examination of his securites to Bishops Islands Meadow and after a patient and particular Investigation, —

Town Meeting Continued

We found that Mr Cole had Legal title to fifty one Shares of the sd Medow. This Point being settled. the time that remained we spent in endavoring to agree upon a Division but without success. we then adjourned to Thursday morning.

at which time we went at the Medow & having measured the premises & vewed its extent. and quality we came (after several propositions) to the following conclusions. Viz

to set off to Mr Cole so much of sd Marsh as lies North of a straight line Running W B N one Hundred & sixty Rods from the N West corner Bound of marsh owned by Mr Daniel Cole – and from sd Bound to the Land Easterly as the Road now Runs over what is commonly called Horse Creek. He the sd Joshua Cole Relinquishing All his right & title to Marsh lying South of sd Line in consideration, of the Towns, relinquishing All their Right & title to Marsh lying ~~lying~~ North of the above described Line. & having ~~on~~ considered the very peculiar situation of sd Medow in Relation to both Parties we have thought it advisible to submit the foregoind propositions for the consideration & approval of the Town if in their wisdom they should think it best

March 4th
1847

Laiey Higgins
Michael Collins
Barnabas Doane — Committee
James H. Knowles
Edward C Clark

Voted to accept the above Report on [illegible] Island
as the bounds now stand

In the Name
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
To Noah Doane Constable
of the Town of Eastham Greeting

You are hereby directed to Notify & warn the Qualifid Voters of the Town of Eastham to meet and assemble at the Congregational Meeting House in Eastham on Monday the Eight Day of March next at ten O Clock in the fore noone then & thare to Act on the following Articles

1st choose a Moderator
2d to See if the Town will voat to build a building to be occupide as A School House & Townhouse for the benifit of All the Town

3d To See if the Town will accept the Road as Laide out by the Selectmen on the Request of Scotter Cobb & others to connect the County & Nawsett Roads.

And you are directed to exacute this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thare of at each of the public Meeting houses in Town & at the School House in District No 1 two publick Days before the time of holding sd Meeting here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant on or before the Day of holding sd Meeting.
Given under our hand & Seal this Twenty fifth Day of February A D 1847

Michael Collins } L S
David C Atwood } L S

Pursuant to the above named warrant I have notifide and warnid the male inhabitants of Sd Town Qualifide as the thein requierd to Meet at the time and plase for the Purposes therein mentioned Noah Doane Constable
Eastham March 5th 1847

At a Legal Meeting held according to notice

1st Joshua Higgins Jr Chosen Moderator and acted on the following articles viz

voted to pass over the second and take up the third article. Which was to see if the town will accept a road as laid out by the Selectmen to connect the County road with the Fawcet road

3d voted to accept said road. the town to make one fence (for the road

2d article taken up. Was to building Town and School house. And voted to Endeffenitely post pone it

voted that Barnabas Young Sell the Remainder of the Towns Magazine and Chist and take pay for his own trouble and hand the Remainder (if any) to the Town tresury

voted to sell the improvement of grass on Bishups Island from Joshua Coles Line to Crowells Line for one year. The condisions of sale was Cash within six months from sale, and was sold the eight of March at the adjournment meeting. to the following persons viz John L. Higgins one sixth of the above named grass

+	for	4.25	Paid
Ruben Nickerson	1/6	2.50	Paid
x John H Higgins	1/6	2.70	Paid
x Joel Snow	1/6	2.50	Paid
x Joshua Cole	1/6	1.90	Paid
x Reuben Nickerson	1/6	2.00 —	

The above named grass to be divided by the purchasers

voted that Joel Snow go with Joshua Cole and place the bounds on Bishups Island

voted to Except Nehemiah Youngs bill for crossing land

voted the Selectman settle Capt Wm Coles bill and others for crossing land

voted to Reconsider the fifth article of the 15th of February meeting as to money Raised and add more to it

Town Meeting Continued

which was as follows

for winter School	400.00	
Summer	50.00	
for Support of Poor	200.00	
for Contingencies	775.00	
for high way	200.00	to be raught out
	$1425.00	

Voted. Poor Lette to Bid to Rebecca Doane for 165.00

A record of a Road from page 14 artic 3

On the Petition of Heller Cobb and others for a Road from Thomas Ellis to Stephen C Smiths

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Eastham after giving due Notice to All persons interested in sd Road. proceeded to lay out the same. agreeably to Law. in such cases made and provided. The course and distance of which is as follows Commencing at the S. E corner of Timothy Mayo's field near the House of Thomas Ellis. thence W 10° S. 49 Rods to the General field thence West 2° N° 52 Rods to a pine Tree thence West 15° N° 24 Rods to Josiah Higgins's farm thence West 10° N° 56 Rods to the Road by Josiah Higgins House thence the same course on land of Josiah Higgins Stephen C Smith and Joshua Higgins one hundred and twenty two Rods to the County Road.

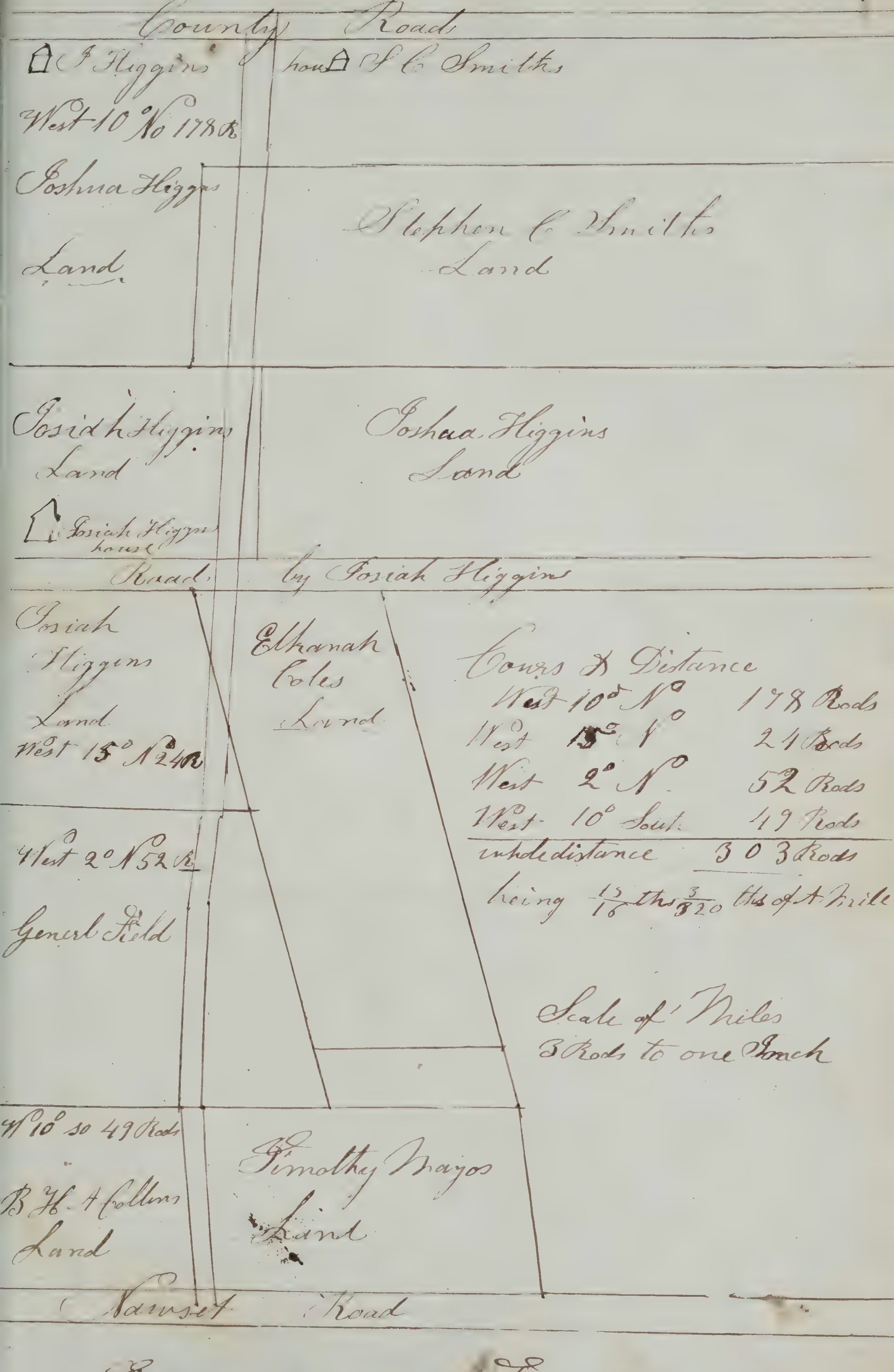
In locating sd Road the owners agreed to give in there land Except Elkanah Cole. he has ten Dollars for dameg of land. the Town to make one string of fence the entire lenth,, Except across the General field there not to make aney. And we have agreed for fense with the persons over whose Land the said Road passes for the Sums set against their Names Respectively

To Timothy Mayo	$.20.00	for fence
to Elkanah Cole & Josiah Higgins	.. 47..00	for fence
to Joshua Higgins & Josiah Higgins	.. 36 5 0	for fence
to Stephen C Smith & Joshua Higgins	.. 57. 00	for fence
to Elkanah Cole for land	.. 10 0 0	
	$..170 50	

the above named Road to be opened for public travel the first day of June next

Michael Collins } Select men of Eastham

Done at Eastham this
1st day of March AD. 1847


County Road
J Higgins
house S C Smiths
West 10° No 178 R
Joshua Higgins Land
Stephen C Smiths Land
Josiah Higgins Land
Joshua Higgins Land
Josiah Higgins house
Road by Josiah Higgins
Josiah Higgins Land
West 15° N 24 R
Elkanah Coles Land
West 2° N 52 R
Generl Field
W 10° so 49 Rods
B H 4 Collins Land
Timothy Mayos Land
Nauset Road

Cours & Distance

West	10° N°	178 Rods
West	15° N°	24 Rods
West	2° N°	52 Rods
West	10° Sout	49 Rods
whole distance		303 Rods

being $\frac{15}{16}$ ths $\frac{3}{320}$ ths of A Mile

Scale of Miles
3 Rods to one Inch

The above Draft is a True copy

In the Name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
To Noah Doane Constable of the
Town of Eastham Greeting:

You are hereby directed to notify & warn the Male Inhabitence of the Town of Eastham qualified to vote for State Officers, and in Town affairs to meet and assemble in the Congregationalist Meetinghouse in Eastham on Monday the Eighth Day of November next at Twelve o Clock at Noon. then & there to act on the following articles.

1 to bring in their votes to the Select Men of sd Town for a Governor Lieutenant Governor for the State of Massachusetts & two Senators for the County of Barnstable All on one ticket

2d to see if the Town will vote to send a Representitive to the next General Court and if Soe to Choose One

3d You are to warn the Inhabitantes above discribed to meet at the above named place at 3 Oclock PM of sd Day to act on the following Articles

1st to Choose A Moderator

2d to see if the Town will pay for a string of fence ~~against~~ adjoining the land of Josiah Higgins on the New Road, provided no other compensation is Made for land taken to make sd Roade

By Request

3d to see what the Town will do towards fenceing the Towns Road commenceing at the gate near Mr S. Kelleys, thence to the Road that leads from the west Shore to the head of the Boote Medow so Med.

By Request

4th To see whot fother action the Town will take in regard to Medow lately taken possession of by the Town.

By Request

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up Notifications thereof in each of the Meeting Houses in Eastham two public Days befor the meeting one also in School House No 1 in sd Town hereof fail Not and Make due Returns. of this Warrant to the Subscribers. of of the time & place of sd Meeting –

Given under our hand & Seal this twenty seventh day of October. 1847

P S the Polls will be open at half Past twelve O Clock for the reception of votes

Michall Collins }
Davil C. Atwood } Selecmen
Alvan Rogers } of Eastham

Persuant to the above warrnt I have notified and warnd the Inhabitance of Said Town qualifide as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named.

The voatable inhabitence of the Town of Eastham meet at the time and place discribed in the above named warrant and braught in their voats to the selec men for the following persons Viz. for

1 Govinor	N	Briggs	37	voats
Leut Govinor	John	Read	37	" "
Senitors	L.	Scudder	37	" "
	G	Copland	37	" "
Govinor	Caleb	Cushing.	13	" "
Lieut Govinor	Henry W	Cushman	13	
Senitors	Seth F.	Nye	13	
	Godfrey	Ryder.	13	

Townmeeting Continued 14 voats
Governor S E Sewell 14 " " "
Lieut Governor J M Brewster 14 " " "
Senitors { J Michael Collins 13 " " "
{ J Underwood 14 " " "

2nd the Town voted to send Barnabas Doane as their Represantatine he had 29 voats Samuel Horton eleven Joel Snow 12

three O'clock now arives ~~and Barnabas~~

art 1 Barnabas Doane is chosen Moderator

2nd voted to award Josiah Higgins sumthing to fence the Road a crofs his land
voted not to givhim sixteen dollars
voted to adjurn tol the anuel meeting in February

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 14th 1848

The Warrant.

Barnstable ss. February 4th 1848

To Noah Doane Constable of the Town of Eastham Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Methodist Meeting House in Eastham on Monday the fourteenth day of February Inst. at Ten o'Clock, in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles —

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in sd Meeting

2 To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing — including School Committee —

3d To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same

4th To determine the manner of repairing the highways, Town ways and bridges the year Ensuing

5th To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen, and act thereon

6th To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer —

7th To see if the town will fence the Road running by the Cedar Swamp if the owners of the land will discount what they received for their land By request.

8th To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to licence some person to sell Spiritual Liquors as a medicine for the use of the Inhabitants of the Town —— By request.

9th To see if the Town will instruct the Guardians of Barnabas Lombard to loan a portion of his money to Henry Hutch, taking his Real Estate as Collateral Security for the amount. — By Request.

10th To see if the Town will vote to District the Town anew - or create a new District or build new School Houses, or remove School Houses so as to better accommodate the Town at large or transact any other business concerning Schools in the Town — By request.

11th To determine the manner of supporting the Poor, and if by letting to board, to contract for the same on the day of the meeting as the Town shall direct.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in sd Town and also in School House No. 1 two public days before the time of holding sd meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding sd meeting —

Ann. Town Meeting Continued — 1848

Given under our hands and seals this fourth day of February, One thousand Eight hundred and forty eight.

Michael Collins }
D. C. Atwood } Select
Alvan Rogers } Men.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of s. Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at time and place and for the several purposes therein named.

Eastham Feb. 5th 1848

Noah Doane } Constable

Ann. Town Meeting 1848 – Continued

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Eastham, agreeable to the foregoing warrant:

1st Joshua Higgins jr was chosen Moderator, and Heman Doane 2d was chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer.

2d Selectmen — Michael Collins, Zara Higgins, Heman Doane. — (Sworn)

" Assessors — Michael Collins, Joshua Paine, Heman Doane (Sworn)

Constables { Noah Doane, Crowell Doane
(Sworn

Collector — Noah Doane, at one and one half per cent. (Sworn)

Surveyor of Highways — Noah Doane
(Sworn)

Field Drivers — Alfrick Smith, Saml Snow, Thomas Cobb jr×, Francis Kragman, Zara Higgins× —

Fenceviewers — Michael Collins, John W. Higgins —

Tythingmen — Jonathan Sherman, Joshua Higgins jr, Saml S. Taylor, Barnabas Freeman, Francis Kragman —

Surveyors of Lumber — Prince S. Harding, Samuel Horton

× Sworn

Ann. Town Meeting 1848 - continued

Pound Keeper - Thomas Cobb -

School Committee - Michael Collins, Myrick Clark, Joshua Higgins jr

3. Voted that a Committee be ~~xxxxxxx~~ chosen to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year - &c. - that this Committee consist of James H. Knowles Seth Cobb, Michael Collins, Reuben Nickerson jr,

4th Voted - That Joshua Cole, Abijah Mayo & Henry Harding be a Committee to examine the condition of the Boat Meadow Bridge & report at the adjournment

5th Voted to accept the Ann. Report of the Selectmen, and that it be recorded on the Selectmen's & Town Clerk's Books.

6th Meeting brought in their votes for County Treasurer, viz:
Frederick Scudder had 46 votes

7th Voted - not to fence the road leading by the Cedar Swamp -

8th Voted - not to license any person in town to sell Spirituous Liquors for medical purposes -

9th Voted that Capt Obadiah Doane confer with Mr. Lewis Doane of Orleans and asertain what he will take for the place occupied by Henry Hatch and report it at the adjournment of this Meeting -

10th Voted - not to District the Town anew -

11th Voted - not to have 6 School Districts in the town

Ann. Town Meeting 1848 — Continued

Voted — to reconsider the vote of this meeting not to District the Town anew —, (whereby it agreed) and that a committee of 5 be appointed by the meeting to legally District the Town anew. This Committee was as follows — For Dist. No. 1 Jonathan Sherman. No. 2 — James H. Knowles. No. 3 — Elijah E. Knowles. No. 4 — Josiah Higgins. No. 5 — Scotter Cobb.

Voted — to adjourn this meeting 2 weeks viz. to the 28th Inst. at 10 O'clock A.M.

Feb. 28 — At 10 1/2 O'clock A. M. the meeting came to order, J. Higgins jr. Moderator.

Voted to pass over the 3d Art. for the present. Heard Capt. O. Doane's report concerning his conference with Mr. Lewis Doane, which was as follows in a note from Mr. D.

"The amount of Mr. Hatch's note is $590.22
331.51
and I will take — $258.72

whereupon, (Signed) Lewis Doane, it was Voted, not to invest any part of Barnabas Lombard's money in the purchase of sd place.

Voted — to pass over the 10th Art. for the present.

Heard the report of the School Committee, whereupon it was Voted, to accept sd report, and that it be published, in the Yar. Register

On recurring to the 10th art. and after hearing the report of the Committee chosen at the meeting of the 14th inst. (to District the Town anew) it was Voted not to accept sd Report.

Voted — to let the Poor to board to the lowest bidder for the ensuing year, and they were bid off to Seth Paine for $246.00

Adjourned Town Meeting Feb. 28, 1848.

Voted to defer the subject of raising money for the present.

The Committee chosen on the 14th inst. to examine the condition of the Boat Meadow Bridge reported that s: bridge was in an unsafe condition for travel, and that the cost to thoroughly repair it would probably amount to $300,00.

The meeting adjourned one hour to hold another meeting to act on the Warrant of the 17th inst.

At 3 O'clk the meeting came to order, and on taking up the 4th Art. it was, Voted, to thoroughly repair the Boat Meadow Bridge, and that Joshua Cole, Ezra Higgins & Abijah Mayo be a Committee to Superintend the repairing thereof and cause all the decayed parts of s: bridge to be removed, and replace the flooring with good Spruce timber plank.

Art. 3. The Committee chosen at the meeting of the 14th inst. to raise money and appropriate the same, reported as follows;

For Winter Schools	$400.00
For Summer Do.	50.00*
Support of the Poor	325.00
Contingencies	525.00
Repairing Bridge	200.00+

Accepted

For repairing Highways and clearing Snow from the same $300.00 to be wrought out. Voted that the time of working out the tax be left with the surveyor.

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* With the income from the Mass. sch. Fund and the Int. on the Surplus, to the amount of $100.00

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Adjourned Town Meeting Feb. 28. 1848

The subject of Josiah Higgins grievances coming before the meeting, according to the postponement of the matter by a former meeting, it was *voted* not to allow Mr. Higgins his demand of $32,50 in addition to what he had received as compensation for damage done him by laying out a Road across his land — *Voted* also, not to allow Mr. Higgins *any thing*, in addition to what he has received.

Voted — to *defend* and *sustain* the individuals in cutting the Sedge Grass sold them by the Town*. (Warrant of Oct 27th 1847.

Voted — not to do any thing in regard to fencing out the Road as proposed by Maj. J. Snow. (Warrant of 27th Oct. 1847.

Adjourned to the 13th March at 1 O'ck. P.M.

Met according to adjournment — A motion being made to reconsider the vote of the 28 Feb. whereby the meeting agreed to sustain and defend the individuals in cutting the Sedge Grass, sold them by the Town, it was *voted* not to reconsider it

Voted to reconsider the vote of the last meeting whereby it voted to repair the Boat Meadow Bridge of wooden material.

Voted to build an *Earth* or *Sand* bridge across the Boat Meadow in place of the wooden one — and that sd bridge be built by a *Labor tax* To be commenced as early as the 1st May and finished as early in the fall as practicable —

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* "Situated between Bee's River and the southern line of the Town of Eastham" (See page 5

Town Meeting Feb. 28, 1848.

To Noah Doane, Constable of the Town of Eastham. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts — You are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble in the Methodist Meeting House in Eastham on Monday the 28th inst. at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles:

1st To choose a moderator
2 To see if the Town will discontinue the Road ~~running~~ South of the Cedar Swamp.
3 To see if the Town will vote to build a new School House in District No. 4.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up Notifications thereof in each of the public Meeting Houses of this town two public days, and also at the School House in district No 1 containing copies of this Warrant. Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this Warrant to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon at the time and place of said Meeting.

Dated at Eastham this 17th day of February 1848.

Michael Collins } Select
Men

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of sd Town qualified ~~to vote~~ as therein expressed to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein named

Noah Doane } Constable
of Eastham

Eastham February 21. 1848

Town Meeting Continued 1848

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order at 1 o clk. Feb. 28. 1848. and David C. Atwood was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2d It was Voted not to Stop the Roa running South of the Cedar-Swamp.

Voted not to build a new School House in Dist No. 4. Also Voted not to ~~repair~~ enlarge the School House in No. 4.

A motion being made to reconsider the vot of this meeting whereby it agreed not to build a new Sch. House in Dist No. 4 – it was Voted not to reconsider it.

The meeting then diſsolved

Adjourned Meeting March 13th 1845

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Voted that a Committee of seven be appointed to superintend and direct the building of the Bridge, and that this Committee be Joshua Cole, Abijah Mayo, Joel Snow, Scotto Cobb, Prince S. Harding, Noah Drane & James H. Knowles.

Voted to appropriate $700 — for the building of the aforesaid bridge. *

Voted that no persons be employed to labor on the bridge under 16 years of age.

Voted that the Com. to superintend the building of the bridge procure all the necessary materials for its construction.

Voted that 250 dollars be assessed for building the abutments and bridge across the River.

Voted, to reconsider the vote of the meeting that the abutments be built of Stone, & that the whole matter of building the bridge be left with the Committee of Superintendence.

Voted that Stephen C. Smith's communication relating to a Road near his house, be laid on the table.

The Meeting then dissolved

Attest. H. Doane 2d
Clerk

* See next page Art. 5.

Town Meeting April 3. 1848

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane, Constable of the Town of Eastham — Greeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn the qualified Voters of the Town of Eastham, to meet at the Methodist Meeting house in Eastham, on Monday the third day of April next at 12 O'clock at noon, then to act on the following Articles

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To see if the Town will accept of a public Town way as laid out by the Selectmen of Eastham, on the petition of James H. Knowles and others.

3d To see if the Town will reconsider the votes passed during the Annual Town Meeting last past in relation to the Bridge, — if so, to take such further action in the premises as they may think proper. By Request

4th To see if the Town will take measures to discontinue the Bridge over Boat Meadow River as a public highway
By Request

5th To see if the Town will take any measures to relieve those Districts that have crowded School Houses, by districting the Town or otherwise.

And you are to serve this Notice by posting up copies thereof at the usual places and in legal time.

Hereof fail not

Town Meeting continued 1848

The order of the Meeting resumed

Art. 5 — Voted to District the Town anew.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to district the Town anew, and report at the November Election meeting.

The meeting then adjourned Sine die

Attest. H. Towne Town Clerk,

Town Meeting June 26th 1848

The Warrant –

To Noah Doane Constable of the Town of Eastham –

Greeting –

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby directed to notify and warn the qualified Voters of this Town to meet and assemble at the Methodist Meeting House on Monday the Twenty sixth day of June instant ~~then~~ at one O clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles –

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To see what arrangement the Town will make in regard to the pending of the petition of Josiah Higgins to the County Commissioners for a Jury to assess the damages sustained by him by the laying out of a Road over his premises — by the Town

3d To see what action the Town will take upon a notice from the Court of County Commissioners upon the Petition of James H. Knowles and ten others praying the Commissioners to Establish and cause to be recorded the the doings of the Selectmen in laying out a public highway over their premises — the Town having refused so to do. —

At a legal Town Meeting pursuant to the above Warrant June 26th 1848

Art 1st Jesse Collins was chosen Moderator

Town Meeting June 26th 1848

Art. 2d Voted not to make Josiah Higgins a string of fence across his land over which a public Road was laid by the Town —

Voted — that the foreman of the Selectmen (& Capt. David C. Atwood in case of his sickness or inability) be authorized to attend the Court of Co. Commissioners and object to the granting of a jury in the case of Josiah Higgins to assess the damage for the laying of the Road across his premises — and that the com. employ legal counsel if he see cause.

Art. 3d Voted that a Committee be chosen to attend the Court of Co. Commissioners & protest to their laying out the public highway on the South of the Cedar swamp, on the Petition of Jos. 2d Knowles and ten others — and that Barnabas Doane Joshua Cole B. H. L. Collins be that committee

Voted to adjourn Sine Die

Attest Fr. Doane 2d Town Clerk

Town Meeting Sept. 18th 1848

The Warrant.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham —

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby ordered and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Bridge in the south part of the town on Monday the eighteenth day of Sept. instant, then and there to act on the following Articles:

1st To choose a Moderator.

2d To see what measures the Town will take in regard to repairing sd Bridge or building a new one — of what materials it shall be, and what its form — and what the manner of executing sd design when concluded upon — whether by Contract or otherwise —

And to act on any other matter connected with sd Bridge.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up notifications thereof in each of the public Meeting Houses in sd town the usual time.

Fail not of so doing, and make due return of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of sd meeting.

Given at Eastham this eighth day of Sept. A.D. 1848.

Michael Collins } Select
Ezra Higgins } men

Town Meeting Sept. 15th 1845

At a legal Meeting holden at the Bridge Sept. 15th 1845

Art. 1st Jesse Collins was chosen Moderator

Art. 2 it was Voted to take some action in regard to repairing or rebuilding the Bridge

Voted that the vote in regard to the continuance of sd bridge be taken by yeas and nays; which being called was decided as follows;

Yeas— Stephen C. Smith, Benj— Walker Jonathan Sherman— Myrick Clark— J. H. Nickerson— Heman Doane Joel Snow— Scotto Cobb— E. C. Clark Joshua Paine— Barnabas Doane— Seth Paine— Michael Collins— Joshua Cobb Solomon Mayo— Ezra Higgins— Seymore Bangs— 17

Nays— Josiah Higgins— Nehemiah Doane— Josiah Lincoln— Francis Wiseman— Nathaniel Smith— Thos. Cobb jr Wm. C. Cobb— Abijah Mayo— Harding N. Cobb— Crowell Doane— Alvan Rogers— Alvan Rogers jr— J. H. Higgins 13

Voted that a bridge of earth and other necessary materials be built in the room and place of the present one

Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to draft a plan for the construction of sd bridge, and let the building thereof by contract (or otherwise) to the lowest bidder

Town Meeting Sept. 18th 1848

Voted - that S. Com. be chosen by written ballot which were for Michael Collins - Ezra Higgins, and Heman Doane

The meeting was then dissolved

Attest H. Doane 2d
Town Clerk

Presidential Election Nov. 7th 1848

To Noah Doane, Constable of the Town of Eastham

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Methodist Meeting house in Eastham on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at One O'clock in the afternoon, to bring in to the Selectmen of sd town, their Votes for the whole number of Electors for President and Vice President to which this Commonwealth is entitled. The polls will be opened at two O'clock.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in the public Meeting houses in sd town two public days at least before the time of holding sd meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of said Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hand this twenty third day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

Michael Collins
Zara Higgins
Heman Doane
Selectmen of Eastham

Presidential Election Continued

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to ~~[illegible]~~ meet at the time and, place, and, for the purposes therein named

Eastham Oct. 28, 1848 Noah Doane
Constable

The Town met agreeably to the foregoing warrant, and voted as follows:—

For Electors at Large

	Levi Lincoln had	Sixty three	votes
	Edmund Dwight	Sixty three	"
	Charles G. Greene	Twenty one	"
	Henry H. Child,	Twenty one	"
	Samuel Hoar —	Eighteen	"
	William Jackson	Eighteen	"
Dist No. 1	Albert Fearing had	Sixty three	votes
	James Cheever "	Twenty One	"
	Joseph Willard "	Eighteen	"
No 2	David Pingree "	Sixty three	"
	Eben. H. Stacy	Twenty one	"
	John B. Alley	Eighteen	"
No 3.	Daniel Adams	Sixty three	"
	E. Lawrance	Twenty One	"
	John G. Whittier	Eighteen	"
No 4	Isaac Livermore	Sixty three	"
	Timo. Fletcher	Twenty one	"
	Nathan Brooks	eighteen	"
No 5	Benj. F. Thomas	Sixty three	"
	J. S. C. Knowlton	twenty one	"

Presidential Election Nov. 7th 1848

No 5 Alexander De Witt eighteen votes

No 6 Myron Lawrence Sixty three "
Joseph Smith twenty one "
James Fowler eighteen "

No 7 Asa Howland Sixty three "
Samuel Gates Twenty one "
Thomas Robinson Eighteen "

No 8 H. A. S. Dearborn Sixty three "
Wm Ellis Twenty one "
Benj. B. French Eighteen "

No 9 Wm Baylies Sixty three "
Foster Hooper Twenty one "
Philo Leach eighteen "

No 10 Wm R. Easton Sixty three "
James L. Thompson Twenty one "
Isaac C. Taber Eighteen "

A true Copy
Attest

H. Deane 2d { Town Clerk

Ann. State Election Nov. 13th 1848.

To Neah Doane, Constable of the Town of Eastham

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Methodist Meeting House in Eastham on the second Monday of November, it being the thirteenth day of November next, at twelve O'clock, noon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor ~~and two the~~ of the Commonwealth and for two Senators on one ballot for the District of Barnstable for the ensuing year. The Polls will be open at half past twelve O'clock — And likewise at the same meeting, at two O'clock of sd day, to bring in to the Selectmen, their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the Tenth District. And you are further ordered and directed to notify the Inhabitants of Eastham, to assemble and meet at the Methodist Meeting house in Eastham on Monday the thirteenth day of November next at three O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles

1st To choose a Moderator

2 To act on the Report of the Committee chosen to district the Town at a former meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of sd Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty third day of October, in the

State Election Nov. 13th 1848

year of our Lord one thousand eight hun
dred and forty eight —

Michael Collins
Ezra Higgins
Selectmen of Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant, I ha
notified and warned the male inhabitants
of sd town, qualified as therein expressed, to
meet at the time and place, and for the
purposes therein named

Eastham Oct. 28, 1848
Noah Doane
Constable

Agreeable to the foregoing Warrant, the Town met, and voted as follows

For Governor
George N. Briggs had forty votes
Caleb Cushing " ten "
Stephen C. Phillips " thirteen "

For Lieut. Governor
John Reed had forty votes
Henry W. Cushman " ten "
John Mills — " thirteen "

For Senators
Geo. Copeland had forty votes
John Jenkins — " forty "
Seth F. Nye " ten "
Godfrey Ryder — " ten "
Nathl Hinckley " thirteen "
Obed Brooks — " thirteen "

State Election — Nov. 13th. 1848.

For Representative to Congreſs,

Joseph Grinnell had forty votes
C. B. H. Feſsenden " eleven "
John A. Kasson " eleven "

At three o'clock, the meeting was organized by the choice of Myrick Clark Moderator to hear the Report of the Committee chosen at the Meeting of Apr. 3d.* which being read, it was Voted, to accept said Report.

The Meeting was then diſsolved.

Attest H. Doane 2d { Town Clerk

× to district the Town anew — See next page

Town Meeting Nov. 13th 1848

School Districting Report.

No. 1 North Line

Commencing at the Northerly end of salt works of Freeman Knowles estate, running in a straight line to point where the Bridge-Road intersects the old Rock Harbor-Road — thence Westerly by s^d road to the North of Joel Snows house into the Sea

No. 2. North Line

Commencing at the north end of Samuel Knowles salt works — thence Westerly to the northeast corner of Joshua Knowles orchard — thence Westerly to the northern extremity of the Herring Pond thence West, into the Sea

No. 3. North Line

Commencing at the Back side bank, at the northeast corner of Freeman Doane's farm — thence West northerly, to the S. E. corner of Dr. Phillips front yard — thence up the road to the Meeting house — thence in a straight line to the S. W. corner of Nathaniel Smith's barn. thence West into the Sea

No. 4 North Line

Commencing at the S. E. corner of Doctor Phillips front yard — thence Northerly by the Road passing by Josiah Higgins house — to the new Nauset Road — thence Westerly by s^d road to the County Road — thence Westerly to the North of Winslow F. Cobbs house — thence still westerly, to the N. E. corner of Barnabas H. Mayo's front yard — thence West into the Sea

Eastham Oct. 23. 1848
Michael Collins } Select
Zara Higgins }
Heman Doane } men

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 12th 1849 —

The Warrant

To Noah Doane, Constable of the Town of Eastham —
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs, and in Town Meeting, to meet at the Congregational Meeting House in s. Town, on Monday the 12th inst. at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz;

1st To choose a Moderator of s. Meeting

2d To choose a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and all other town Officers, including School Committee —

3d To choose a County Treasurer.

4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Schools, the Poor of the town, Roads and Bridges, and all other incidental charges upon the Town.

5th To see what directions the Town will give respecting the improvement of the Town's property.

6th) To see what the Town will do respecting School Books for the several Districts, and to act on the subject generally and fully, as the matter may require —

7th To see if the Town will rectify several mistakes in the Record of the Campmeeting Road dated June 5th 1841. —

By Request —

8th To see if the Town will build a new and sufficient School house in District No. 4.

By Request —

Warrant for Annual Town-

9th To see if the Town will pay Josiah Higgins any thing more for road damages

By Request

10th To see if the Town will vote to have the tax to be assessed in 1849 collected on, or before the first day of January 1850

11th To receive and Act on the Report of the Selectmen in regard to the financial concerns of the Town.

12th To act on the Report of the School Committee

13th To see what the Town will give towards making a Dam across Boat Meadow by the hay Point on account of its lessening the expense of maintaining a Bridge

By Request

14th To determine the manner of Supporting the Poor and let them to board if that should be the course voted.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant to the Town Clerk, on or before the day of sd meeting, with your doings thereon by posting up notifications thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in sd town and in Sch. house No 1 two public days before the holding of sd Meeting

Given under our hands and seals this first day of February A.D. 1849.

S. Michael Collins
Zara Higgins
Heman Doane } Selec
men

Meeting. February 12th 1849

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of sd. town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named

Eastham Feb. 2d. 1849.

Noah Doane
Constable

The qualified voters assembled at the time and place named in the foregoing warrant,
1st Jesse Collins was chosen Moderator
Art. 2 – Town Clerk and Treasurer – Heman Doane 2d. – Sworn
Selectmen – Michael Collins, Jesse Collins, Henry Harding – Sworn
Assessors – Elijah E. Knowles, Freeman Horton, Henry Harding – Sworn
Voted to defer the choice of a Collector & Constable till the money is raised.
Surveyors of Highways ~~and Fenceviewers~~ – Reuben Nickerson jr – Seth Knowles – Elijah E. Knowles – Crowell Doane – Zara Higgins. – Sworn
Fenceviewers and Field Drivers – Jonathan Sherman, Samuel Snow, Elijah E. Knowles – Crowell Doane, Zara Higgins – Sworn
School Committee – Michael Collins, Myrick Clark, Joshua Higgins jr.
Tythingmen – Ben Higgins – John W. Higgins – Joshua Higgins jr. Francis Krogman Silvanus Doane
Surveyors of Lumber – Barnabas Doane – Samuel Horton

Voted – to pass over the 4th Article, and act on the 11th

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 12th 1849

Art. 11th Heard the annual Report of the Selectmen whereupon it was Voted to accept s^d report, and that it be recorded on the Clerk's Book.

(Voted, to relinquish to Treat Moore) the town's claim to the [illegible] Expunged paid for his father at the expense of the Town in 1829. ×

(Dara Higgins rose and protested against the legality of the above vote, and requested his protest to be recorded.

Voted to sustain the persons who have bought grass of the Town in cutting the same.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to defend the Town's claim to the Seag-Ground lying between J. Cole's line and the town of Orleans, in the suit now pending by the act of that town.

Voted, that the Selectmen act with the prudential Committee of each School District in the matter of repairing and cleaning the School Houses at the expense of the town.

Voted - that the Prudential Committee of the several School Districts have the discretionary authority to open the School houses for such purposes only as they may deem proper.

Voted that Abraham M. Horton be substituted in the place of Scotto Cobb (declined) as Surveyor of highways.

Voted that the Surveyors enter upon their duties forthwith, and clear the roads of snow at the expense of the Town.

× at a subsequent Meeting See page 51

Adjd Town Meeting Feb. 15th 1849

Voted that the statute Laws in relation to trespasses committed on the public buildings of the town, be fully enforced in future

Voted to adjourn to Thursday 15th inst. at 10 o'clock A.M.

Feb. 15th 1849 Met according to adjournment

Art. 5 -- On a motion to expunge from the record of the Meeting of the 12th the vote whereby the town relinquished its claim to Treat Mores house, it was Voted that that vote be expunged, — when it was voted "that the Selectmen be empowered to convey by deed in the name of the town, the town's property called the Treat Mores house, to Treat Mores for sum as the Selectmen may think just and reasonable, ranging from ten to seventy-one dollars But if the sd Mores should decline their proposals, then the Selectmen be authorised to sell the sd house to the best advantage in such manner as they may think best, and give legal security of the same in the name of the Town of Eastham, and pay the money into the Town's Treasury to the credit of the town"

Voted that the Old Weights and Measures of the town be disposed of ~~at the~~ at a future time as the town may then vote.

Voted that the 5th Article be passed over for the present, and that a committee be chosen to devise some plan for procuring and keeping the school books for the Districts, and that the Selectmen call upon Mr. E. E. Knowles for settlement of that concern — and, further that Myrick Clark, Michael Collins, and Alvan Rogers be a committee to ascertain & report the na

Adjd Town Meeting Feb. 15, 1849.

mes of those persons who are in debt to this Book Concern

Art. 7th Voted not to alter the ~~xxxx of~~ the Record of the Campmeeting Road,

Voted to accept the Record of Sd road as corrected by the Selectmen

Art. 8th Voted not to build a new school house in Dist. No. 4.

Voted to reconsider the above vote (not to build a School house)

Voted - not to build a new School house in Dist. No. 4

9th Voted to lay this article on the table

Voted to refund the sum of $7. 00 to Michael Collins Zara Higgins and Barnabas Doane, paid by them to Josiah ~~Jr~~ Higgins in full for road damages in July last -

Voted that the Tax to be assessed in May 1849 be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before Jan. 1. 1850

Art. 12th Deferred till the adjournment of this meeting

Art. 4th was taken up, and Voted thereon to give the sum of 30 dollars towards building a Dam across the Boat Meadow at the Hay Point - on condition that the proprietors of the marsh refund the money in case they fail to maintain Sd dam

Voted to let the Poor to board to the lowest bidder as usual and they were bid off by Henry Harding for Mrs. Louisa Crosby for $ 207. 00

The Committee chosen to raise money for the ensuing year reported as follows ___

Adjd Town Meeting Feb. 15th 1847 —

For Winter Schools — — —	$400	
For Summer Do. — — —	50×	With the income
Support of Poor — — —	350	of the Mass. Sch
Interest on Loans — — —	60	ol fund & one
Towards Debt — — —	3.00	qr of the Surplus
Contingencies — — —	300	interest to make
County Tax — — —	180	up $200.00
	$16.40	

Voted, to accept the above report.

Voted, that boys from 12 to 16 years of age receive 6¼ cents an hour for their labor on the highways

Voted to dispense with a Road tax for the present year.

Voted that the collection of taxes the ensuing year be put at auction — Bid off by Noah Doane for one and a half per cent.

Proceeded to ballot for Constable, and Noah Doane was chosen.

The Sedge Grass growing between Rock Harbor and Boat Meadow creeks was sett at auction in 1/6 shares and, sold, as follows

Heman Doane	1 — — —	$0.63
Freeman L. Mayo	1 — — —	.65
Seth Knowles 2d	1 — — —	.65×
Barnabas Doane	1 — — —	.65×
Reuben Nickerson	1 — — —	.70×
Joshua Knowles	1 — — —	.77×

The Grass at Bishop's Island, was then put up and, sold as follows:

John W. Higgins	for 1/6 — — —	75	Paid
Ben Higgins	" " — — —	76	Paid
Abijah Gill	" " — — —	76	Paid

Adjd. Town Meeting Feb. 15th 1849.

Joel Snow — ,78 Paid.

J. W. Higgins — 81 Paid

Jesse Collins — 81 Paid

Voted, to adjourn to the 26th inst. at 1 o'clock P.M.

Feb. 26. 1849

"Made choice of E. E. Knowles for Moderator and Barnabas Freeman Clerk Pro. Tem. Thomas Cobb was chosen Pound Keeper. Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the town voted not to raise money for roads voted to reconsider.* Art. 6. — Voted that the matter of School books be left with the School Committee Voted to accept the Report of the School Committee" —

At the above meeting, the Old Town Standard Weights and Measures were set at auction and sold, as follows,

Abijah Mayo	,35x	Joshua Higgins	,13x
Ben Higgins —	,10	Dr. Phillips	2.00x
A. W. Higgins	,10x	" "	,15x
Joshua Knowles	,12x	J. W. Higgins	,12x
E. E. Knowles	,75x		
Halsel Nickerson	,35		
Andrew Higgins	,30x		
Ben Higgins —	,17x		
A. W. Higgins —	,30x		

Attest,

H. Doane 2d } Town Clerk

* Omission — "Voted, not to raise money for repairing highways the present year."

Town Meeting April 2d 1849

Warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane Constable of the Town of Eastham

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the Congregationalist Meeting house in Eastham on Monday the second day of April, at one O'ck in the afternoon – then and there to act on the following Articles

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To see what course the town will adopt in regard to the suit now pending between the town and certain "Herbage Proprietors" under its present aspect – and to act upon any other matter touching that subject

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, at or before the holding of sd meeting – having given public notice thereof by posting notifications of the same according to the usage of the Town

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty eighth day of March A.D. 1849

Michael Collins } Selectmen
Jesse Collins } of Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the qualified Inhabitants as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, & for the purpose therein named

Noah Doane
Constable

Town Meeting April 2d. 1849

Art. 1 Barnabas Doane was chosen Moderator

Art. 2d. Voted that the case of the disputed Sedge Ground at Bishops Island be entered in the Court of C. Pleas commencing the 3d. instant and if more information is wanting on the subject, the Selectmen shall request that the case be continued to the fall term of said Court —

The Meeting then dissolved.

Attest H. Doane 2d Town Clerk

Town Meeting Aug. 13th 1849

"Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To Noah Doane, Constable of the town of Eastham, Greeting:

You are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town to meet at the Congregational Meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 13th inst. at four o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles:—

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen, or choose a Committee, or a Board of Health, or make any regulations respecting the health of the Inhabitants of sd town

By Request

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up notices thereof in each of the public Meeting houses in this town, and also in the School house in District No. 1.

Fail not of giving the above notice, as directed, and make due return of this warrant at the time and place of said meeting with your doings thereon — Done at Eastham this eleventh day of August, AD. 1849

Michael Collins
Jesse Collins
Selectmen

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of sd town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named

Noah Doane
Constable"

Town Meeting Aug. 13th 1849

Art. 1st Barnabas Doane was chosen Moderator, but declining to preside, was excused, and Myrick Clark was chosen

Art. 2d Voted to take action upon this article at this time.

Voted — that the Selectmen be instructed to request the Camp Meeting Committee of Boston to postpone the Camp meeting appointed to be holden in this place on the 28th instant. in consequence of the Epidemic disease called Cholera, now existing in that city

Voted, that if the aforesaid Committee do not comply with that request, that the Selectmen be instructed to establish quarantine regulations in this town previous to the commencement of said meeting, in accordance with the 21st Chap. of the Revd Statutes

Voted — that notice of quarantine regulations, when thus established, be published in the Barnstable Patriot and Yarmouth Register

The Meeting then dissolved

Attest. H. Doane 2d
Town Clerk

A Road Survey — June 8th 1849

Upon the petition of James H. Knowles and others, for the approval and allowance of a road laid out by the Selectmen of the town of Eastham, and their report thereof rejected by the town —

Legal notice having been given in conformity to an order annexed to the petition, the Commissioners met at the time and place therein named, and viewed the premises, and after hearing all persons and corporations who were present and interested, they adjudged that the common convenience and necessity ———— of a portion of the inhabitants of the town of Eastham required that the report of said Selectmen should be confirmed, they therefore approve and allow said road as laid out by the Selectmen, as, and for a town way, and direct the town Clerk of Eastham to record the report of said Selectmen of the same, the Selectmen having agreed with the owners of land over which said road passes, for damages, the sum of one hundred, twenty six and 66/100 dollars, as specified in the last column of their report which Sum we hereby confirm and allow until the last day of August next, for the removal of fence and other property, & order said way opened and finished, on or before the last day of October next, and order the amount paid to the several persons named in said report from the town treasury of Eastham, in thirty days after said road is open for public travel — Done at Barnstable this 8th of June 1849

Seth Crowell } County Com-
Ebenezer Nye } missioners
Simeon Dillingham } Special Co

Road Survey Continued

A true copy of the Report of the Commissioners on the petition aforesaid.

Attest. J. Reed, Clerk

The following is a true abstract from the report of the Selectmen of Eastham laying out the way confirmed, by the Commissioners as aforesaid viz:

Beginning at a Stake and Stone on the westerly side of the County road, near the house of Sarah Smith — thence on land of S.d Sarah Smith S. 74° W. 12 rods to a peat meadow — thence S. 49° W. on land of Freeman L. Mayo 18 rods to land, of Moses Eaton & Asa Hopkins — thence on land of s.d Eaton and, Hopkins S.o 69° W. 10 rods to land of Moses Eaton — thence, same course on s.d Eaton 10 rods to a Stake and Stone — thence S. 87° W. on said Eaton 10 rods to land of Joshua Knowles, Seth Paine, Josiah Higgins, Ezra Knowles and Timothy Rogers and Seth Knowles 75 rods to a Stake and Stone near the house of widow Thankful Knowles — thence South 69° W. on land of s.d Seth Knowles 36 rods to the easterly end of Joshua Cole's peat swamp where it connects with the road leading to the bridge in the South part of the town — said road is to be two rods wide, and to lie on the South side of the line described, (excepting so much of s.d way as lies on Sarah Smith which is to be one and three fourths of a rod wide. In locating s.d road we have agreed with the owners of the land for the following sums as damages by them sustained in consequence of s.d road viz:

Freeman L. Mayo $ 21.50 14.33

Cedar Swamp Road

Asa Hopkins	$15. 00	10. 00
Moses Eagan	22. 50	15. 00
Joshua Knowles	7. 50	5. 00
James H. Knowles	48. 00	32. 00
Seth Paine	35. 00	23. 33
Josiah Higgins	12. 50	8. 33
Lincoln Rogers –	4. 00	2. 67
Ezra Knowles	4. 00	2. 67
Seth Knowles	20. 00	13. 33

Attest J. Reed Clerk

A true Copy
Attest. H. Doane 2d
Town Clerk

Petition to Selectmen

To the Selectmen of the Town of Eastham

Your petitioners, inhabitants of the town of Eastham, respectfully represent, that the public convenience and wants require that a road or highway should be laid out and fenced, beginning at the County road, near Miss Sally Smith's and leading to the south of the Cedar swamp, and terminating at or near the gate to the west end of the abovesaid swamp –

Your petitioners would therefore ask that you would view the premises and locate said road and highway according to the laws in such cases made and provided.

Eastham Feb. 29. 1848

J. Paine
Daniel Penniman
Barnabas Freeman
Seth Paine
James H. Knowles
Seth Knowles

Cedar Swamp Road,

Selectmen's Report.

On the petition of James H. Knowles and others, praying for a public highway to be laid out over a barr'd road that was granted on the petition of Seth Paine & others and the removing of all bars and obstructions that may be in the way.

The Selectmen after giving legal notice to all persons interested in Sd. road, met at the house of Freeman L. Mayo, and after hearing the parties, adjudged it expedient to lay out Sd. highway, and thereupon proceeded to survey said way as follows viz:

Beginning at a Stake and Stone on the westerly side of the County road near the house of Sarah Smith — thence on land of said Sarah Smith S. 75° W. 12 rods to a peat swamp — thence S. 49° W. on land of Freeman L. Mayo 18 rods to land of Moses Eaton and Asa Hopkins — thence on land of said Eaton & Hopkins N. 69° W. 11 rods to land of Moses Eaton — thence same course, on S. Eaton 10 rods to a stake and stone — thence S. 87° W. on land of said Eaton 10 rods to land of James H. Knowles thence same course, on land of S. Knowles, Seth Paine, Josiah Higgins, Ezra Knowles & Timothy Rogers & Seth Knowles 75 rods to a stake and stone near the house of wid. Thankful Knowles — thence S. 69° W. on land of said Seth Knowles 31 rods to the Easterly end of Joshua Cole's Peat swamp where it connects with a road leading to the Bridge — Said road is to be two rods wide, and to be on the South

Cedar Swamp Road

side of the line described (Except so much of said road as lies on Sarah Smith, which is to be one and three fourths of a rod wide) And all persons having any property on said road are allowed one month to take it off, and said road is to be opened for public travel in two months from this date

In locating said road, we have agreed with the owners of the land for the following sums as damages, by them sustained, in consequence of said road, viz:

Freeman D. Mayo	$21.50	14,33
Asa Hopkins	15.00	10.00
Moses Eaton	22.50	15.00
Joshua Knowles	7.50	5.00
James H. Knowles	48.32	32.00
Seth Paine	35.00	23.33
Josiah Higgins	12.50	8.33
Lincoln Rogers	4.00	2.67
Ezra Knowles	4.00	2.67
Seth Knowles	20,00	13.33
	$190.00	$126.66

Dated at Eastham this 23d day of March 1849

Michael Collins
Zara Higgins } Selectmen of Eastham

A true Copy
Attest H. Doane 2d
Town Clerk

Cedar Swamp Road

The foregoing report was read in town meeting by the chairman of the Selectmen April 3. 1848, when it was *Voted* to accept said report. (See page 33) on condition that the owners of the land discount one third of the estimated damages for said highway. On motion to reconsider the above vote (some persons not understanding the motion) it was Voted *not* to accept said report.—

At a legal town meeting June 26, 1848, it was Voted, that a Committee be chosen to attend the Court of Co. Commissioners and protest to their laying out the public highway on the south of the Cedar swamp, on the petition of Jas. H. Knowles and ten others— and that this Com. be Barnabas Doane Joshua Cole, and B. H. A. Collins.—

Attest, H. Doane 2d Town Clerk

Petition to County Commissioners

"To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Barnstable

The undersigned, inhabitants of the Town of Chatham, respectfully represent, that they petitioned the Selectmen of said Chatham to lay out a public town way in the South part of said town and they in accordance with said petition gave legal notice to all persons interested in said road and thereupon proceeded to lay out said town way, and surveyed

Cedar Swamp Road

the same in due form, and agreed with the owners of the land for the damages ascertained by said road on the 24th day of March 1848), and their doings were subsequently deposited in the Town Clerk's office as the law directs, and on the 3d day of April 1848 their report was regularly submitted to the town in town meeting, assembled, for their approval and allowance, which report was by said town rejected, by which your petitioners feel deeply aggrieved.

Wee therefore pray your honorable Body to take the proper measures to cause said road to be accepted and recorded as laid out by the Selectmen of said Eastham to the end that the public convenience and necessity may thereby be subserved and as in duty bound will ever pray.

James H. Knowles & 10 others

A true Copy.

Attest Timothy Reed
Clerk of the Commissioners

[The Report of the Commissioners which should follow will be found on page 59. H. D.]

Election Meeting Nov. 12th 1849

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in elections, to meet and assemble at the Congregational Meeting house in Eastham, on Monday the twelfth day of November inst, at one o clock in the afternoon, it being the second Monday in sd month, – to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for two Senators on one ballot for the District of Barnstable for the ensuing year. The polls will be open at half past one o'clock.

2 To hear the report of any committee that may have been chosen at a former meeting. – and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in each of the public Meeting houses in said town, and at the School house in Nole– the usual time.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

Michael Collins
Jesse Collins
Henry Harding
} Selectmen of Eastham

Election Meeting Novr 12th 1849 —

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named

Noah Doane
Constable

Agreeable to the above warrant the town Met and voted as follows —

For Governor
George N. Briggs forty seven votes
George S. Boutwell Sixteen "
Stephen C. Phillips Eighteen "

For Lieutenant Governor "
John Reed, forty seven "
Henry W. Cushman Sixteen "
John Mills Eighteen "

For Senators
John Jenkins forty seven "
Stephen Hilliard, forty seven "
Alexander Baxter Sixteen "
Caleb Lombard, Fifteen "
Isaac Keith Eighteen "
Obed, Brooks jr Eighteen "

At the above meeting it was Voted, the Selectmen give Reuben Nickerson jr and Co. an order on the treasury for $30.00 which sum was voted to be paid them by the town at a former meeting, on condition that they build and maintain a dyke to protect a foot bridge acroſs the Boat meadow near Richard Smith's, for the accommodation of the people of the town

Voted that the sum of $126.66 ord-

-ered in the report of the County Commissioners to be paid to the persons to whom it was awarded for damages sustained by laying out the Cedar Swamp road, shall not be paid out of the town treasury for that purpose, on the ground of an alledged illegality in the doings of said Co. Commissioners.*

A true record:

Attest, H. Doane 2d
Town Clerk

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* This illegality consisted, the Town thought, in the Commissioners taking the 2d column of figures in the Selectmen's report for their action — the first having been reported by them as the actual damages sustained by them, and before which alone the action of the Town must be had. — The 2d column shows the abatement of damages the petitioners would make on the whole award, provided the Town would accept the Report.

:: Town Meeting Jan. 2d. 1850.

Barnstable ſs.

To Noah Doane, Constable of the town of Eastham
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Congregational Meeting house in Eastham on Wednesday the second day of January next at half past 12 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles

1st to choose a Moderator

2d. to see what further action the town will take in regard to the payment of the award of the County Commissioners for a road recently laid out by them in the south part of the town By request

3d. To see what the town will do about compensation to John Hopkins for moving the fence & paying him for land taken to widen the Campmeeting road By Request

4th To see what action the town will take in regard to the right of commonage, or any other jurisdiction they may have over the what is called "Silverspring Flats" the jurisdiction over which appears now to be claimed by the town of Wellfleet, and to act fully and generally upon the subject
By Request

5th To see what the town will do respecting School books, and to act as the whole subject may require By Request

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in this

Town Meeting Jan. 9. 1850

town and at the School house in District No. 1. two public days before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this twentyfirst day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Michael Collins
Jesse Collins
Selectmen of
Eastham

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the town met at the Cong. Meeting house without doors, where the meeting was organised by the choice of E. Cobb for Moderator and adjourned to the Methodist M. House.

Art. 2: On motion to reconsider the vote of Nov. 12, respecting the payment of the award of the C. Commissioners for the Cedar Swamp road, ~~[illegible]~~ it was Voted to reconsider the same (the house being divided) by 57 to 17.

Voted to refer the question of the legality of the Commissioner's Report to a legal Arbiter, whose opinion upon the subject shall be decisive in the case.

Voted to reconsider the above vote.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to obtain legal information in regard to the doings of the Commissioners, and make report of the same to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned to the 9th inst. at 10 O'clock A.M.

Town Meeting Jan. 9. 1850

The town met according to adjournment and chose Myrick C. Horton Moderator pro tem. and Josiah Lincoln Constable pro. tem.

Art. 3. Laid over for the present.

Voted to reconsider the vote of the 3d inst, whereby the Selectmen were chosen a committee to obtain legal information concerning the legality of doings of the County Commissioners

Voted to lay the 2d article on the table.

Art. 3d taken up and voted thereon to pay John Hopkins ten dollars for his land taken to widen the Camp meeting road.

Voted to reconsider the above vote

Voted that a committee of three, to be assisted by the Selectmen be appointed to examine the road adjoining Mr. Hopkins's premises and ascertain the amount of damage done Mr. Hopkins, and report the same to the annual meeting. The chair appointed Scotter Cobb, Barnabas Doane and John M. Higgins to this committee

Voted that the vote of the meeting, creating said committee be reconsidered

Voted to indefinitely postpone the 3. Art.

Voted that the 4th article be passed over, and the 5th acted upon.

Voted to refer the 5th article to the next annual meeting

4th Article taken up, and on motion of Capt. S. Cobb it was voted that the Selectmen be authorised to petition the Legislature to repeal the special act of the last session of that body, giving the town of Wellfleet exclusive jurisdiction over "Lieutenants Island" & the flats lying in common and adjacent thereto

Adjourned sine die

Annual Town Meeting Feb. 18th 1850

To Noah Doane, Constable of the Town of Eastham Greeting:—

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Methodist Meeting house in Eastham, on Monday the eighteenth day of February instant, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners and two Special Commissioners for the County of Barnstable, being all inhabitants of different towns in the County, agreeable to the laws of the Commonwealth.—

You are also required to notify and warn the s.d inhabitants to meet at the aforesaid time & place, to act on the following Articles, to wit:

1st to choose a Moderator of said Meeting—
2.d to choose a Town Clerk & Town Treasurer
3.d to choose Selectmen— Assessors— and all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing
4th to hear the report of the Selectmen and act thereon
5th— to raise money for the support of Schools Poor— Roads— Bridges— and all other incidental expences of the town
6th— to bring in their votes for a School Committee, as the law directs.
7th to hear the report of any Committee that may have been chosen at a former meeting and act thereon—
8th to give the necessary directions in regard to the management and improvement of the Towns property and act as they may think proper and expe

dient upon that subject. Also, to see if the town will approve of the doings of the Selectmen in taking possession of Silverspring Flats.—

9th to see what action the town will take in relation to a suit now pending between certain "herbage proprietors" in Orleans and the Town of Eastham and to act generally and fully upon that subject—

10th to see what action the town will take in regard to a place for holding Town meetings and doing other town business, and to act ~~generally~~ upon that subject as generally and fully as they may think proper.

11th to give in their votes for a County Treasurer—

12th to see if the town will build a Pound in the north part of the town, or otherwise provide some suitable place to be used as such — By request.

13th to see if the town will choose a committee to look into the legality of the State Bill in connexion with the Collectors bills for 1849 and any other matters in relation to the same — By request.

14th to see what compensation the town will pay John Hopkins for lands taken to widen the Camp-meeting road — By request.—

15th to see what the town will do respecting Barnabas Lombards being sent to the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb. By request.

Hereof fail not, and make due service of this warrant, according to law, and return thereof, to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon on or before the time set for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this eighth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty—

Michael Collins
Jesse Collins } Selectmen
Eastham

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 18th 1850

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named —

Noah Doane
Eastham Feb. 7. 1850. Constable

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the town met and brought in their votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners and two Special Commissioners as follows — For Co. Commissioners

For Seth Crowell	41	votes
" John Doane	43	"
" David G. Aiken	43	"
" Michael Collins	14	"
" Asa Shiverick	14	"
" Nath'l Hinckley	14	"

For Special Commissioners

For James H. Knowles	36	votes
" Nathan Jenkins	43	"
" William Shove	14	"
Daniel Paine	14	"
" Joshua Wixon	23	"
" Sylvester Bourne	22	"

The meeting was then organised by the choice of E. Cobb as Moderator.

Art 2d Heman Doane Jr was then chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer for the year coming ensuing.

3. Selectmen — Michael Collins, [illegible] [illegible] John Rogers (Simon)

Voted that no Board of Assessors be chosen for the year, other than the Selectmen —

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 18th 1850 ( )

Voted to put the Collectorship at auction previous to the election of a Constable. The meeting was then adjourned twenty minutes to count the votes for County Commissioners.

Voted that the collector for 1850. be required to collect and pay into the treasury the assessment for 1850 (discounts excepted) on or before the first day of January 1851, and in default of so doing, shall forfeit his premium. And the collectorship was bid off by Noah Doane at one and three fourths per cent. Noah Doane was then chosen Constable x

Voted that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to retire and nominate all other town officers necessary to be chosen. The chair appointed Sylvanus Smith — Joshua Cole — William C. Cobb — Crowell Doane — Sylvanus Doane — The above committee reported as follows, which was accepted —

For Field Drivers — Jonathan Sherman x Myrick Smith x — Seth Paine — Joseph M. Cobb x — David Higgins x — Freeman Horton x — Doane Lincoln x

Fence Viewers — Benjamin Walker x John Myrick x

Surveyors of Highways — Henry Harding. Joshua Paine x — Jesse Collins — John W. Higgins x — Nehemiah Doane x

Surveyors of Lumber — Barnabas Doane — Samuel Horton x —

Tythingmen — Halsel Nickerson — Francis Krogman — Ben Higgins — Freeman D. Hatch —

Pound Keeper — Thomas Cobb —

Art. 4th The annual report of the Selectmen

x — x Sworn

was read by the chairman, whereupon it was voted to accept said report. A motion to print a sufficient number of copies of the above named report, was then put and lost — 26 to 38 —

Art. 5th Voted that a committee of 5 be chosen to retire and report what sum of money it is necessary to assess for defraying the expenses of the town the present year. This com. consisted of Reuben Nickerson jr. — Barnabas Freeman Elijah E. Knowles. Crowell Doane. David L. Atwood —

Art. 7th was indefinitely postponed.

Voted to reconsider the above vote.

The Selectmen submitted the legal opinion of Zeno Scudder Esq. in the herbage case —

Voted to defend the suit pending between the "herbage proprietors" in Orleans and the town of Eastham

The com. chosen to raise money for 1850 reported as follows which was accepted

For Winter Schools	$4.25
" Summer do.	.60
" Support of Poor	3.50
" County tax	1.80
" Contingencies	3.00
" Road tax	1.50
	$14.65

The meeting voted to lay over all preceeding articles and proceed to ballot for a County Treasurer.

Frederick Scudder	had	46	votes
Josiah Hinckley	"	5	"
Charles Sears	"	17	"

Adjourned to the 20th inst. at 10 o'clk. A.M.

Adjd Town Meeting, Feb. 20th 1830

Met according to adjournment, and took up the 6th Article. The chairman of the School Committee read their annual Report, which was accepted.

Art 6th was laid over, and the 7th taken up.

Voted. that E. E. Knowles's account for keeping the School Books of the town for the three preceding years (12½ dollars a year) be paid.

Voted, to allow Heman Doane 2d five dollars a year for keeping the School Books, selling and accounting for the same.

Art. 6 - A committee consisting of Seth Paine - Barnabas Doane, Jonathan Snow, ~~to a Com~~ was appointed, to retire and nominate a School Committee. The committee nominated, Michael Collins, Joshua Higgins jr Heman Doane 2d - Accepted.

Mr. Higgins was excused from serving as School Com. and Myrick Clark was chosen in his stead,

Art. 8 passed over to take up the 13th.

Art. 13th was then indefinitely postponed

On motion of Nehemiah Doane, it was voted that no gentleman be allowed, to occupy the floor more than three minutes at a time.

Art. 10 - Voted - that the Selectmen be authorised to provide a suitable place for the holding of Town Meetings in future.

Jesse Collins was excused, from serving as Surveyor of highways, and Thomas Cobb jr was substituted - Jonathan Sherman was also excused from serving as Fielddriver, and Benj. Walker was substituted.

William Smith was chosen (in addition to those already chosen) Fielddriver in District No. 3.

Art. 11th Voted that the Selectmen contract for boarding the Poor on the cheapest terms with regard to their comfort.

Adjd Town Meeting Feb. 20th 1850 –

Art. 12th Voted – that Messrs. Ezra Higgins and Freeman Horton's Barnyards be used as Towns pounds during the year; also that Benjamin Walker's and Freeman E. Mayo's Barnyards be used for that purpose, and that these persons also act as ~~field drivers~~ pound keepers.

Art. 14th Voted that Messrs. Barnabas Doane, Samuel Horton, Joshua Higgins Jr. Michael Collins and Owen C. Atwood be a committee to examine the Camp meeting road, and report at a future meeting if any, and what compensation is due to John Hopkins for land taken to widen said road.

Art. 15th Voted that Barnabas Lombard be sent to the "Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb" on the conditions stated to the Selectmen by the principal of that institution, and that the Selectmen see that this vote is carried into effect.

Art. 8th The Selectmen read a paper in which it is stated that they have taken possession of Silverspring Sedge Ground, in the name of the town of Eastham. Voted to accept said report.*

The meeting then dissolved

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*To all persons and corporations whom it may concern – Be it known that we the undersigned, Selectmen of the Town of Eastham, have this day taken formal possession in the name & behalf of the town of Eastham of all the meadow, sedge ground & beach lying between the North line of Eastham & what is called "Wood's Beach Gut" adjoining lands of Fisher Brown, which said meadow, sedge ground & beach includes what is usually called Indian Meadow together with the beach & flats lying between said meadow & extending into the bay; & we hereby forbid all persons & corporations trespassing upon said meadow & sedge ground or beach under the pains & penalties of the law in such cases made and provided.

Dated Feb. 12. 1850

Michael Collins
Jesse Collins Selectmen of Eastham

Town Meeting April 22d. 1850

The Warrant

To Noah Doane, Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Methodist Meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 22d instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles, viz.

1st to choose a moderator

2d to hear any report of the Committee on the Town's Commons, or so much as relates to the parts set off to individuals thereon the metes and bounds of the same and the nature and kind of evidence of title on which the claims of such persons were allowed, in the Flat grounds, so called, in Great meadow

3d to see if the town will give up to Freeman Smith so much of said Flat ground as George Collins in his lifetime staked out as the original claim of Ephraim Harding and others of whom he bought which right the said Freeman Smith claims by virtue of an Administrators Deed signed by Michael Collins.

4th ~~And~~ take any such action in relation to the said Flat grounds, or any suit or suits as are, or may arise in and concerning the same, or any other part of the Town's Commons

By request of 30 freeholders of Eastham

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up notices thereof at the two meeting houses and School house No. 1 in Eastham the usual time (being two public days) previous,

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to the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding said meeting.
Given under our hands and seals this twelfth day of April A.D. 1850.

Michael Collins } Select
Zara Higgins } Men of
Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane } Constable
Eastham Apr. 16th 1850. } of Eastham

The meeting was organised by the choice of Josiah Linnell for moderator.
Art. 2. Voted that the former committee on the flat ground meadow report to the meeting their doings in relation to premises under consideration.

Voted, that the titles of individuals to the aforesaid flat ground meadow be produced to the meeting. Voted to indefinitely postpone the second article.
Art. 3d Voted to give up to Freeman Smith so much of said flat grounds as George Collins in his lifetime staked out as the original claim of Ephraim Harding and others.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to ascertain the boundary lines of the marsh staked out by George Collins, now claimed by Freeman Smith under an Administrator's deed.

Sale of Grass March 11th 1850

The committee appointed at the meeting of Feb. 20th to examine the Camp meeting Road, reported as follows, which was accepted.

"Eastham March 5th 1850

The committee to whom was referred the bill of John Hopkins against the town for damage in the laying out of the road by his house to the shore have had the same under consideration, and submit the following = that the said John Hopkins be paid $5.00"

The meeting was then dissolved

"Account of Sale of the Flat Grounds Grass for one Year, Sold in 1/6 Lots viz =

1/6	to John W. Higgins - - -	$ 2.10 x
1/6	" Joshua W. Nickerson - - -	2.20 x
1/6	" Josiah Higgins - - -	3.60 x
1/6	" Joshua W. Nickerson - -	2.55 x
1/6	" Josiah Higgins - - -	3.45 x
1/6	" Josiah Higgins - - -	3.60 x
		$17.50

Do. Bishop's Island Grass sold in 1/6 lots for one Year

1/6	to Francis Krogman - -	1.40 x
1/6	" Joel Snow - - -	1.05 x
1/6	" Abijah Gill - - -	1.05 x
1/6	" Jesse Collins - - -	1.05 x
1/6	" Nathan Hopkins - -	1.05
1/6	" Jesse Collins - - -	1.15 x
		6.75

Total Amount 24.25

Eastham March 11th 1850 } Z. Higgins { Select men"

State Election Nov. 11th 1850

To Noah Doane, Constable of the Town of Eastham — Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Methodist Meeting house in Eastham on Monday the eleventh day of November next at half past twelve o'clock P.M. it being the second Monday of said month, to bring in the votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for two Senators on one ballot for the District of Barnstable, for the year ensuing — also to give in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the District No. one — also to see if the town will vote to send a representative to the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next — and if they so vote, to proceed to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for that purpose —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in sd town and at district No. one two public days before the time of holding sd meeting — Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid —

Given under our hands and seals this thirty first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Michael Collins }
Zara Higgins } Selectmen
Alvan Rogers }

State Election Nov. 11th 1850

Persuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named

Noah Doane

Eastham Nov: 4. 1850 Constable

The qualified voters of the town met at the time and place appointed in the foregoing warrant, and brought in their votes as follows:

For Governor

George N. Briggs	fifty
George S. Boutwell	Seven
Francis Cogswell	Eight
Stephen C. Phillips	fifteen

For Lieut. Governor

John Reed	— fifty
Henry W. Cushman	Seven
Amasa Walker	— fifteen

For 2 Senators for Barnstable Co.

Stephen Hilliard	— fifty
Zenas D. Bassett.	— fifty
Alexander Baxter	— fifteen
Caleb Lombard	— fourteen
Obed Brooks jr	— fifteen
Isaac Keith	— — fifteen

For a Representative to Cong. for Dist. No. 10.

Zeno Scudder	fortynine
C. B. H. Fessenden	fifteen
Simpson Hart	— fifteen

Scotter Cobb, at the 2 balloting, was chosen Representative to the next Legislature.

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Congressional Election January 20th 1851

To Noah Doane Constable of the Town of Eastham
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required ~~to notify and warn the~~ agreeable to a precept from the Governor of the Commonwealth, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Methodist Meeting house in Eastham, on Monday the twentieth inst. day of January instant, at one o'clock in the afternoon - then and there to give in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1851.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, (having posted notices thereof in the Meeting-houses of each house &c. according to the usage of the town) with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this eighth day of January A.D. 1851.

Michael Collins } Selectmen
Isaac Higgins } of Eastham

Persuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, & for the purpose therein named.

Noah Doane
Constable

Congressional Election Jan. 20th 1851

Agreeable to the foregoing Warrant, the qualified voters of the town of Eastham met and brought in their votes as follows—

For a Representative to Congress,
Zeno Scudder had fifty-one votes
Chas. B. H. Fessenden twelve "
Simpson Hart twelve "

At the above meeting the selectmen read a letter from John Doane Esq. stating that Capt. Benjamin Walker had a demand against the town of Eastham for damage done him "in consequence of their neglect to repair the breastwork on the side of the road adjoining his land". Voted thereon that the subject of Capt. Walker's grievance be referred to a committee of two, one to be chosen by the town's, the other by Capt. Walker (and in case of their disagreement they were to chose a third person) and Jonathan Snow was chosen that committee on the part of the town. Dissolved

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 17th 1851

Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane Constable of the Town of Eastham
In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Methodist meeting house in Eastham on Monday the seventeenth day of February instant at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles —

1st to choose a Moderator

2nd to choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, including School Committee

3rd to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same —

4th to hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon —

5th to see what manner the town will adopt to support the Poor the ensuing year and act on that subject generally

6th to see what course the town will adopt in relation to the future employment of [illegible] Lombard and Isaac Doane —

7th to see what course or action the town will take in regard to a suitable place for holding Town Meetings and doing other town and public business —

8th to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer

9th to bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds

10th to see if the town will [illegible] the [illegible] that no [illegible] cattle can be at large on the highway or on the public commons out of sight of [illegible] owner or keeper, during [illegible] before the can be legally taken up by said impounders. Also, to see if the town will sustain the field drivers in the discharge of their duties —

By request

11th To see if the town will district the town anew into six Districts — or if not to build a new school house in district No. 5 —

By request

12th To see if the town will accept the Road laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Joel [illegible] and others and cause the same to be put on record —

13th To see what course the town will adopt in regard to the management and improvement of the Town's property in its various circumstances and locations —

14th To see what action the town will take in relation to the killing of Birds in certain seasons of the year —

15th To see if the town will provide as many additional pounds as may be necessary in different parts of the town —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in said town, the usual time, & also at the School house in Dist. No 1. — Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time & place of holding said meeting aforesaid —

Given under our hands & seals this sixth day of February A.D. 1851 —

The Polls will be open at
half past ten o'clock

Michael [illegible]
Ezra Higgins
Hiram Rogers
Selectmen

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Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane

Eastham Feb. 6th 1851

Constable

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the Town met & organized the meeting by the choice of Joshua Higgins Jr for Moderator.
Art. 2d Town officers chosen — Heman Doane 2d Town Clerk & Treasurer & sworn

Selectmen — Isaac Higgins — Noah Doane — [illegible] Hardinge & sworn

Assessors — Noah Doane — [illegible] — Joshua Knowles & sworn

Voted that the collecting of the taxes be put up — Bid off by Noah Doane for [illegible]
Noah Doane was also chosen Constable
School Committee — Michael Collins — John Phillips — Myrick Clark

Voted that Messrs. Isaac Higgins, [illegible] [illegible] Doane — [illegible] be a com. to retire and nominate a list of officers which remain to be chosen
Art. 3d — Laid on the table
Art. 4th The Selectmen submitted their account which was accepted. Voted that the same be printed
The com. chosen to nominate town officers reported as follows which was accepted —

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For Surveyors of Highways — Myrick Smith — Freeman C. Mayo — William E. Nott, John M. Higgins, Nehemiah Doane — (Sworn)

Field Drivers — Myrick Smith — Freeman C. Mayo — J. M. Nickerson — Thomas Cobb — John Hopkins — Francis Ferguson — Ezekiel Hill —

Fence Viewers — Barnabas Freeman, Doane Higgins (Sworn)

Surveyors of Wood & Lumber — Prince S. Harding Myrick B. Horton.

Pound Keeper — Thomas Cobb

Sealers of Weights & Measures — T. Ferguson —

Tythingmen — Joshua Higgins jr. Ben Higgins Francis Ferguson —

Art. 5th Voted that the Town's Poor be let to board at the lowest bidder at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that the Disposition of Barnabas [illegible] and Isaac Doane be left with the Selectmen —

Art. 7th A motion to build a Town house pending after considerable debate, in a division of the house which being counted was lost by a vote of 52 to 64.

Voted — to reconsider the above vote

A motion to enlarge the School house in district No. 8 and make it sufficient accommodation for a Town house was then put and lost.

Voted — to build a Town House —

A motion to appropriate [illegible] of the Surplus [illegible] for the purpose of building said house was lost —

Voted — that there be raised the sum of [illegible] for the purpose above named —

At the meeting brought in their votes for a Co. Treasurer, Charles F. Swift had 47 votes

David Mayo — 33

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Art 9th. Vote for Register of Deeds.

Lothrop Davis has 42 votes

Voted (Art 7) that the Moderator Barnabas Howe, Seymour Bangs, Sylvanus Smith, and Prince S. Crowell be a committee to plan and fix upon a suitable location for said building (town house) and make report of their doings at the adjournment.

Art. 10th Voted that the Fieldrivers be governed by the requirements of the law in regard to the impounding of cattle going at large

Adjd. to Monday 24th inst. at 1 P.M.

Met according to adjournment Feb. 24 at 1 o'clock P.M. M. J. [illegible] in the chair.

Art 11th was indefinitely postponed.

Art 12th Voted to accept the report of the committee laying out a public highway in the [illegible] upon the petition of [illegible] and others.

The School Committee made their annual report which was accepted.

The com. on the plan and location of the Town-house, reported as follows: "Mr. Moderator Your com. to whom was referred the subject of a plan and suitable location for a town house, having attended to that business, ask leave to submit the following report.

"On examining the subject, the com. came to the conclusion that it was not necessary to give a minute description of the order of architecture and finish of said building. They have therefore only given the outlines of a building such as they deem necessary for the accommodation of the Town. The house to be thirty feet by forty, twelve feet posts, entrance to be furnished with an entry six feet by thirty across the front, twenty eight seats, [illegible]

ble to seat seven persons each, with a centre aisle six feet wide, side aisles two feet wide

Second floor to be finished in one room for the accommodation of committees &c.

On fixing on a location, your com. examined several sites, among which was one offered gratuitously by Mr. Elijah E. Knowles, but none appeared to offer so many advantages as the one finally agreed upon, which was the lot where Mr. William C. Collins store formerly stood. All of which is respectfully submitted"

M. C. Taylor
Barnabas Sears
Sylvanus Smith
Seymour Bangs."

The house being divided on the motion to accept the first part of the above report relating to the plan of said house, it was voted to accept it. The second part of the report relating to a location for said building was recommitted to a com. consisting of Josiah Linnell, John Collins and Reuben Nickerson jr.

The com. appointed at a former meeting to examine the breach in the breastwork of the bridge, composed of Capt. Benjamin Walker, report "that in our opinion the highway ought to have been repaired at the time one of the selectmen agreed to do it. We assess for damage on account of sand that has run on Capt. Walker's meadow in consequence of the aforesaid neglect, fifty cents.

Eastham Jan. 24. 1851.

Jonathan Snow
E. E. Knowles
Barnabas Freeman"

Voted to accept the above report.

Adj^d Town Meeting Feb 24, 1851

[illegible] Voted that all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] of taxes, [illegible] amount by each delinquent be added by them [illegible] [illegible] to the provision of the law [illegible] [illegible]

School Com^n.

Voted to reconsider the vote of the meeting of the 17^th inst. whereby it was voted [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to be recorded on the Town Clerk's [illegible]

Chose [illegible] [illegible] Noah [illegible] [illegible] Joshua Paine & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Voted that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] if necessary [illegible] [illegible] year 1851.

[illegible] [illegible] E. C. Simmons' old Store — Accepted.

Voted to reconsider the above vote.

[illegible] site of [illegible] G. Gales' old house — Accepted.

[illegible] Jesse [illegible] [illegible] South School house & procure materials for the same.

Adj^d Town Meeting Feb 24th 1851 —
Voted that the Selectmen provide a suitable place for holding Town meetings until the Town house shall be finished.
Voted that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] O. S. Adams and Moses Smith's Barnyard be used as pounds during the year, and that these persons be authorized to act as pound keepers —

The Com. chosen to raise money reported as follows, which was accepted —

For Winter Schools — —	$ 425, 00
" Summer do. — —	60, 00
" Support of Poor — —	375, 00
" County Tax — —	180, 00
" Town Expenses — —	350, 00
" Repairs on Roads — —	150, 00
" Town House — —	500 : 00
	$ 2,040 00

Voted that the Collector be [illegible] [illegible] pay into the treasury the [illegible] of the taxes for 1851 on or before the first day of January 1852 —
Voted that [illegible] [illegible] act as agent for the town in defending the case now pending between the town and the [illegible] of [illegible] Orleans.
The Poor were then set at auction and bid off by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the year [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that he take all that may be added to the Poor list during the year, at the same rate of compensation —
The meeting then dissolved.
Omission in the foregoing — at the adjourned meeting it was voted that the disposition of the [illegible] at Bishop's Island be left with the Selectmen.

Road Survey Jan 31 1851.

On the petition of Joel Snow and eight others praying for a road on the south bank of the Town Cove at a place called the "Clabbet" Beginning about the Road that leads to the Shore near where Mr Timothy Cole Esq formerly stood — thence Easterly to the house of Joshua Snow to connect with the road that leads by the land of Joseph [illegible]

We the undersigned, Selectmen of the Town of Eastham, on the petition above named have laid out a way for the use of the Town of Eastham as follows: Beginning at a stake & stone on the easterly side of the Highway that leads over the Bridge at the south part of the Town near where Mr Timothy Cole Esq formerly stood — thence South 61° East 52 rods to a stake & stone thence South 6° East 56 rods to a stake & stone standing on land of [illegible] [illegible] — Said way is to be two rods wide & to lie on the westerly side of said course. And we have agreed with the owners of the land to release all damages by laying said Road through their land. And previous to laying said road we gave notice to all persons interested in said road as the law directs in such cases — Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted is forever after to be known as a public road.

Dated at Eastham
31st day of January
1851

Michael Collins
Zara Higgins
Alvan Rogers
Selectmen of Eastham

Town Meeting April 7th 1851

To Isaac Cook, Constable of the Town of Eastham
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Methodist Meeting house in said Eastham on Monday the Seventh day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles viz;

1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To see if the town will reconsider the vote by which the location and structure of the Town house proposed to be built was defined and to act on that subject generally for its prosecution or final rejection as may be thought most expedient in view of all the facts in the case.

3d To know if the town will choose an agent (By request) to audit the accounts of & settle with the Treasurer at the close of the year and have the receipts and expenditures in detail printed on sheets in sufficient numbers to supply each family in town with a copy on or before our next annual meeting

By request

4th To see if the town will accept the revision of the Jury Box as prepared by the Selectmen.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at School house in District No. 1 in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to

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the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one. — [illegible]

Noah Doane | [illegible]

Pursuant to the within [illegible] I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said Town [illegible] as therein expressed to meet at the time and place for the purposes therein named.

[illegible] March 25th 1851.

Noah Doane { Constable

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the town met and chose [illegible] Moderator.

Art. 2nd — Voted to reconsider the doings of the meeting of February 24th whereby it was voted [illegible]

Voted that the building committee of the Town house be authorised to ascertain by measurement or otherwise, the centre of the population and territory of the Town [illegible] locate the Town House as near to that centre as a suitable site can be obtained on the County Road.

Voted that the structure of the [illegible] said town house be altered to [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

the proportion of the present money appropriation to the building of a Town house &c.
Voted that so much of the 5th Article as relates to the choice of an Agent to settle with the Treasurer be indefinitely postponed.
Voted — that the Annual Report of the Selectmen be by them printed in sufficient numbers for the supply of each family in the town after their next settlement.

The [illegible] of the [illegible] by the Selectmen and Committee [illegible] accepted.
The meeting then dissolved.

Town Meeting April 21st 1851.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of [illegible] pursuant to warrant April 21, 1851 — "To know (Art 2) if the town will reconsider the vote last passed to build a Town house eighteen feet post, and act on the same or on any other matter relative to the building of said house"
A motion to reconsider the doings of the meeting of the 7th instant whereby it was voted to make the structure of the Town house to eighteen feet post — was put and carried.
Voted not to postpone the consideration of the 2d article
At this stage of the meeting, a noisy and protracted debate ensued, motion after motion being made and recalled, after which a motion to postpone the whole matter of building a Town house, and discharge the building Committee, was carried by a large majority.
Adjourned.

Town Meeting April 21st 1851 –
Grass Sale.

After the meeting was adjourned, the select men put-up at auction, the sale of the Towns Grass at different places for one year. –

The Grass on the "Flat Grounds", was sold in 1/6 shares as follows –

Edwd C. Clark	one	share	$ × 1.57
‖ Josiah Higgins	"	"	× 1.62
‖ "	"	"	× 1.61
Francis Krogman	"	"	1.66
‖ Josiah Higgins	"	"	× 1.71
Nathan Hopkins	"	"	× 1.66

The Grass at "Bishops Island" was sold as follows in 1/6 shares

Francis Krogman	one	share	$ 0.85 ×
‖ [illegible]	"	"	.90 ×
‖ Seth Paine	"	"	.86 ×
‖ Barnabas Doane	"	"	.8[illegible] ×
‖ Jesse Collins	"	"	.81 ×
Barnabas Doane	"	"	.86 ×

The Grass between Boat-meadow & Rock harbor rivers was sold as follows, in 1/6 lots –

‖ Myrick Smith	one	lot	$ 1.25 ×
‖ Lewis Smith	"	"	.87 ×
‖ Barnabas Doane	"	"	[illegible]
‖ Jas. H Knowles	"	"	.81 ×
‖ Barnabas Doane	"	"	[illegible] ×
‖ Myrick Smith	"	"	[illegible] ×

Town Meeting April 21st 1856

The Grass at "Stonyspring" was sold at the same time in 6 lots as follows:

Nathan Hopkins	one lot		$1.36×
Freeman Higgins	"	"	×.32
Josiah Higgins	"	"	×.03½
Joshua Higgins Jr	"	"	.61×
Nathan Hopkins	"	"	.61×
Josiah Higgins	"	"	.90×

Previous to the above sale, B. H. A. Collins, in behalf of the Cottage Proprietors of the town of [illegible], protested against, and forbid the Town selling, or [illegible] improving grass growing on the marsh owned by said proprietors, and requested the same to be recorded.

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Town Meeting May 5th 1831 —

To Noah Doane, Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Methodist Meeting house in said Eastham on Monday the 16th day of May inst at one O clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st to choose a moderator to preside in said meeting —

2. to see if the town will reconsider the votes passed at former meetings in relation to building a Town house in s. town

3d to see if the town will vote to build a Town house of sufficient size to accommodate said town —

4th to see if the town will vote to locate said house on the most suitable spot which can be obtained nearest to the centre of said town

By request.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the School house in Eastham, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting —

Given under our hands this fifth day of May in the year one thousand eight

Town Meeting May 5th 1851

eight hundred and fifty one
Zara Higgins
Noah Doane
Selectmen of
Eastham

The Town met pursuant to the [illegible]
Warrant and acted as follows
Art. 1. Chose Michael Collins Esq Moderator
Art. 2d. A motion to reconsider all votes passed at former meetings relating to the building of the Town house, excepting the appropriation of $500 for that purpose, was carried
A motion to adjourn was lost

Voted to build a Town house 28 by 38 feet and 12 feet post. (28 [illegible] 16
Art. 4th was laid on the table
Art. 3 taken up. Voted that a building and superintending Com. of three be chosen by nomination. Appointed Messrs. [illegible] Doane, Myrick Clark and [illegible] Knowles

Voted that this Com. be instructed to advertise in the Co. papers three weeks for sealed proposals for building said Town house, and that they let the building out to the lowest bidder

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to borrow a sufficient sum over the $500 appropriated to that purpose to defray the expense of building said House
Art. 5th taken up.

Voted that the Building committee locate the Town House on as eligible a site as they can obtain, having regard to the cost

Town Meeting May 7th 1901 –
between S. Sudbury's and [illegible] H. [illegible]
blacksmith shop – provided however,
that the whole cost of said building
including land, does not exceed
twelve hundred dollars.

The meeting was dissolved.

Town Meeting May 19th 1851 &c

To Noah Doane Constable of the Town of Eastham — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Methodist meeting house in Eastham on Monday the nineteenth day of May instant at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting

2 To know if the Town will vote to reconsider all the votes passed at the last meeting relative to the building of a Town house.

By request —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the school house in District No. one in the said Town, seven days before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this ninth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one

[illegible] Higgins
Isaac [illegible]
Selectmen of Eastham

Town Meeting May 17th 1871.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the town met and made choice as follows. Art 1st Chose Benjamin A. G. Collins Moderator. On motion of Joshua Cobb to reconsider all votes passed at the meeting of the 5th instant relative to the building of a Town House, the house was divided, which being counted the moderator announced fifty-four against and thirty-three in favor of reconsideration. The meeting was then dissolved.

Report

To the Selectmen of the towns of Eastham and Orleans of the Perambulation of the towns' line between Eastham and Orleans —

Beginning at the mouth of Rock harbor river thence up the middle of sd river to a stone monument standing on the northerly side of the river marked E. O. — thence north five degrees East nineteen rods and sixteen links to a stone monument marked E. O. thence east twelve and a half degrees south twenty rods to the east side of the road to a stone monument marked E. O. thence south fifty eight degrees east fifty seven rods & eleven links to a stone monument marked E. O. thence north fifty six east [illegible] rods and [illegible] links to a stone marked E. O. thence North forty five degrees East forty rods to a stone monument marked E. O. by the edge of Bark meadow thence east nine rods to Bark meadow river — thence south east on the middle of sd river to the foot bridge — thence still southerly in the creek to a large stone on the easterly side of the creek marked E. O. — thence south sixty degrees east to a stone monument marked E. O. on the north side of the dry road — thence easterly on the north side of sd road eight rods and six links to a stone monument marked in presence [illegible] formerly marked E. O. thence as the [illegible] goes [illegible] to the cove — thence down the middle of the cove to a large stone in the middle of the [illegible] channel marked E. O. thence east south east to a monument marked E. O. on [illegible] beach — thence straight course out the harbour —

Report of Perambulation e 1851—
Taken at Eastham, October 11th 1851

[illegible] Higgins, } Selectmen
Noah Doane } of the town
[illegible] [illegible] } of Eastham

Thomas F. Snow } Selectmen
Joseph [illegible] [illegible] } of the town
William P. [illegible] } of Orleans

A true copy,
Attest H. [illegible]
Town Clerk

Report

of the Selectmen of the towns of [illegible] and Orleans of the Perambulation of the line between Eastham and [illegible] of October. Beginning at a stone monument at the head of Indian Brook on the westerly side of the County road [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] marked E. O. thence east 100 rods to a monument standing on the east side of the cross road, marked E. O. thence east to a stone monument standing on the bank marked E. O. thence east into the ocean. From thence returning to the stone standing at the head of Indian Brook, and from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the mouth of the same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a stone monument on the marsh upon the northerly side of said brook marked E. O. and from thence due west [illegible]

Dated at Eastham October 17th 1851

Isaac Higgins } Selectmen of
Noah Doane } the town of
Henry Harding } Eastham
Bethuel Wiley } Selectmen
Elisha N. Smith } of Wellfleet

A true copy

Attest: H. Doane 2d
Town Clerk

State Election Nov. 10th 1851 —

Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town house in Eastham, on Monday the tenth day of November next, it being the second Monday of said month, at half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon, First to see if the town will vote to send a representative to the next General Court and if they so vote, then secondly to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for two Senators on one ballot, for the District of Barnstable for the year ensuing. Also for a representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, all of which must be deposited in the ballot box in one sealed envelope. The polls will be opened at one o'clock of said day for the above named officers. Also the polls will be opened at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day to bring in their votes to the Selectmen in favor of, or against choosing delegates to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at the School house in District No one, in said town two

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public days before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of holding meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this thirty first day of October in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty one

Zara Higgins } Selectmen
Noah Doane } of Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane, Constable

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the qualified voters of the town met and first voted not to send a representative to the next Gen. Court, and then brought in their votes as follows:

For Governor

Robert C. Winthrop	forty six
George S. Boutwell	twenty-one
John G. Palfrey	nineteen

For Lieut. Governor

George Grennell	forty-six
Henry W. Cushman	twenty-one
Amasa Walker	nineteen

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For Senators

Zenas D. Bassett	forty six
Cyrus Weeks	forty one
Alexander Baxter	twenty one
Caleb Lambard	twenty
Obed Brooks Jr	nineteen
Michael Collins	eighteen

In favor of a Convention forty one
Against a Convention twenty seven

Town Meeting Nov. 11th 1831

Barnstable ss.

To Noble Doane Constable of the town of Chatham. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Chatham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town house in said Chatham, on Tuesday the eleventh day of November next at half past twelve O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d To see what measures the town will adopt to secure the County road near the house of Caleb Doane from damage by the tide or grant individuals the privilege of making an embankment in the road to prevent it from being overflowed by the tide.

By Request

3d To see if the town will cause the subject of the treatment of the poor to be investigated, and to act generally as the matter may require.

By Request

4th to see what the town will do respecting the Town house — what purposes it shall be opened for, and to act on the matter generally and fully as the subject may require.

By Request.

5th to see what action the town will take as regards the disposal or otherwise of the furniture bed, bedding, clothing &c. of the late Jerusha Cole, and now in the possession of the town of Eastham, and to act fully on the said subject. By Order of the Selectmen.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at the School house in District No. One in said town two public days before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this thirty first day of October in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty one

Zara Higgins } Selectmen
Noah Doane } of
Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane
Constable

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At a legal meeting held pursuant to the foregoing warrant, Article 1st Elisha Cobb was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. Voted that a Committee be chosen consisting of the Selectmen, with authority to cause the road near Ezekiel Doane's dwelling house to be put in repair for the safety and convenience of the public at the expense of the town, provided the individuals most interested in said repairs do not see fit to bear a part of the expense of the same.

Art. 3. Voted after a warm personal debate in relation to the treatment of the poor at Sylvanus (Doane's) not to postpone the consideration of this Article, and that the investigation of the subject be now conducted by the house in committee of the whole. Another motion to discontinue the debate was then put and lost. It was then voted that the Selectmen be a com. to examine and investigate the charges made against those having the care of the poor, but the Selectmen declining to take any additional responsibility in relation to the subject in debate, it was voted to indefinitely postpone the 3d Article.

Art. 4th. On motion of Barnabas Doane it was voted that a com. be chosen and authorised to draft resolutions concerning the purposes for which the Town House ought to be used other than for the transaction of the ordinary business of the town, and that this com. report the same to the board of Selectmen. The above com. consisted of Elijah Mayo, Joshua Paine, Elisha Cobb, [illegible], Michael Collins.

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Voted — that the Selectmen open the Town house for such purposes as in their judgment they may think proper untill the next annual meeting; and that they appoint a keeper of the same for the time being.

Art. 5th Voted that the furniture, bed, bedding, wearing apparel &c. of the late Jerusha Cole be sold by the Selectmen for the benefit of the town.

The meeting was then dissolved

Representative Election Nov. 24th 1851

Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane, Constable of the Town of Eastham Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify & warn the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town House in Eastham on Monday the twenty fourth day of November instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, it being the fourth Monday of said month to act on the following business;

1st to see if the town will rescind and reconsider the vote whereby they voted not to send a representative to the next Gen. Court

2d to see if the town will vote to send a representative to the next Gen. Court, and if they so vote then

3d to bring in their votes to the Selectmen by ballot in sealed envelopes for a representative to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. By request.

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The polls will be open at half past ten O clock for the above purpose.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in sd Eastham, and at School house in district No. one two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

Ezra Higgins } Select-
Noah Doane } Men of
Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane, Constable

The qualified voters of the town met at the Town house pursuant to the foregoing warrant. At the opening of the meeting, a debate ensued touching the legality of said meeting. Mr. Harding, one of the board of Selectmen having refused to sign the warrant, and Mr. Doane proceeding to serve the warrant as Constable of the town could not legally place his signature thereon; and after about an hours discussion upon the subject, the

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meeting proceeded to business —

Art. 1st. A motion to lay over the business of the meeting one hour was lost.

A motion was then made, put, and sustained, that the vote of the tenth instant whereby the town agreed not to send a representative to the next Gen. Court, be reconsidered. The vote being doubted, the house was divided, ~~which~~ which being counted, there were 44 in favor, and 56 against a reconsideration. The meeting then dissolved.

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 9th 1852.-

Barnstable ss.

To Scott Doane, Constable of the Town of Eastham, Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Townhouse in Eastham on Monday the ninth day of February next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles—

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said

2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, including School Committee

3d To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same

5th To see what manner the Town will adopt to support the Poor the ensuing year and act on that subject generally and fully.

6th To see what method the Town will adopt in regard to the future employment of Barnabas Lombard and Isaac Doane.

7th To see what method the Town will adopt in regard to the care, protection and improvement of all Town's property.

8th To see what action the Town will take in regard to the petitions to the Hon. Legislature of Heman Nickerson & others, & Alvan Snow & others, that a part of Eastham be set off and annexed to Orleans, and act on that subject generally and fully as the matter may require.

9th To see what action the Town will take

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in regard to a lawsuit originated by James H. Knowles against the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham in their corporate capacity as a town, for money damages, and act upon that subject generally.

10th To bring in the votes for a County Treasurer.

11th To see if the town will provide some additional Pounds in different parts of the town.

12th To see what the town will do, or what action the town will take in repairing the damages of James H. Knowles and Barnabas Freeman to protect the Co. road, from the wash of the sea. — By request.

13th To see what the Town will do respecting the Town house being used as a School house, and to act on the subject generally & fully as the matter may require. — By request.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses, & at School houses etc. in s. Town two public days before the time for holding said meeting. — Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Zara Higgins
Noah Doane } Selectmen.
Hiram Harding

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of s. town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place, & for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane, Constable

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 7th 1862.

Art 1st E. C. Knowles was chosen Moderator —

Art. 2d Town Clerk & Treasurer [illegible] Doane —

Selectmen — Joshua Paine, Freeman [illegible], [illegible] Mayo. Mr. Paine requested to be excused from serving as 1st Selectman; Voted not to excuse him.

Voted not to choose a board of Assessors for the present year.

School Committee, [illegible] Collins, John Phillips, [illegible], Clark.

A Com. was appointed by the chair to retire and nominate a list of the remaining Town officers.

Voted to let the collecting of taxes at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] per cent commission, on condition that he collect and pay into the treasury all the town tax for 1862 on or before the 1st day of Jan 1863 or forfeit his percentage.

Constable — Noah Doane

[illegible] report of the Selectmen and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to accept the same [illegible] [illegible] Clerk's [illegible] Selectmen's Books.

Heard the report of the School Committee — accepted.

The Com. to nominate remaining Town officers reported as follows:

Surveyors of highways — for No. 1, Stephen [illegible] [illegible]; No. 2 Chase Higgins; No. 3 ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]; No. 5 [illegible] Doane; No. 6 [illegible] Mayo; No. [illegible]

Field drivers — for No. 1, [illegible]; No. 4 [illegible]; No. 2 E. C. [illegible]; No. 5 [illegible] Mayo; No. 6 [illegible]

Fence Viewers — [illegible] Cole [illegible] Doane [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Higgins.

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Tythingmen — Ben Higgins, Joseph Higgins Jr.
Seth Paine, Jonathan Snow, Abner Freeman —
Sealers Weights & Measures — [illegible]
Fence viewers — John W. Higgins — Jonathan Snow
The report was accepted.

Art 4th A com. was chosen Z. Higgins, Brewster Cook, Wm. C. Cole, Benjamin Freeman, and Reuben Higgins Jr. to report to the meeting what amount of money it is necessary to raise for town expenses the current year.

Art. 5th The Selectmen were instructed to advertise for sealed proposals for boarding the poor for the year ending March 15th 1853 with the understanding that the contractor (if they judge him a suitable person) shall have the privilege of taking all that may be added to the poor during the year, and that in case of any removal by death or otherwise no compensation shall be allowed longer after such removal.

Art. 6th Voted that the Selectmen be constituted the legal guardians of Barnabas Lombard, and that they consult his wishes in regard to the person to whom his services shall be let in future.

Art. 7th The com. chosen to raise money and appropriate the same reported as follows which was accepted.

For Winter Schools	—	425.00
" Summer do	—	80.00
Support of the Poor	—	250.00
Repairs on Roads	—	150.00
Towards Town's Debt	—	450.00
Incidental Expenses	—	300.00
County Tax		200.00
	Making	$1855.00

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The com. chosen at a former meeting to draft rules and regulations in relation to the use of the Town-house submitted their report. — Voted to take up and consider seperately the articles of s^d report and after considerable debate upon the first article a motion to accept the report in toto was renewed & the report was accepted. — As follows

"The com. to whom was assigned the duty of drafting Rules and Regulations to be observed in the use of the Town-house report the following.

1st That the Town house be opened for all religious Christian denominations by paying for warming, lighting & expenses [illegible] the [illegible] of which we estimate at [illegible] for each meeting regarding a day and evening as one meeting.

2d That it be opened for all scientific and useful lectures, without fee, or charge, when the lecture is free.

3d For all political purposes [illegible] in Massachusetts without fee or charge.

4th For all exhibitions or purposes of [illegible] where [illegible] the object is [illegible]

5th For all [illegible] to be opened by paying [illegible] of fifty cents per [illegible]

Abijah Ware
Joshua Paine
Elisha Cobb
Committee
Selectmen [illegible]"

The items of rent in [illegible]

Dissolved Attm. M. C.

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Art 7th Voted that the Town Standard Weights & Measures be removed to the Townhouse.

Voted that the towns Sedge grass be sold by the Selectmen at the adjournment.

Art. 8th. Voted to choose an agent to act for the town against the granting of the petition of Reuben Nickerson & others [illegible] and others to the Mass. Legislature to be set off from Eastham and annexed to Orleans. A Com. to nominate an agent was appointed by the Chair.

Art. 9th A motion to pay Jas. H. Knowles his legal demand against the town for road damage was put and lost. The 8th Art. was then taken up [illegible] to ballot for an agent to attend the Comm.ee on Towns and remonstrate against the petition of Reuben Nickerson & others and [illegible] C. Moore was chosen that agent, with instructions to employ legal counsel if he should find it necessary. The Selectmen and Town Clerk were also instructed to measure distances if they deem it necessary, and furnish said Agent with all the facts in the premises.

Art. 10th Brought in their votes for a County Treasurer — Charles F. Swift had 58 votes.

On recurring to the 9th Art. a motion to choose a Com. to confer with Mr. Knowles & settle with him on the most advantageous terms to the town was under consideration, an appeal having been made from the decision of the chair that the 9th Art. was disposed of, pending which the town adjourned to Monday the 16th inst. at One O'Clock P. M.

Adj^d Town Meeting Feb. 16th 1852

Met according to adjournment — E. E. Knowles in the chair.

Voted that $100 be added to the appropriations for incidental expenses for 1852.

J. H. Nickerson was chosen additional field driver for Dist. No. 2

A motion was then made to reconsider the doings of the meeting of the 9th inst. wherein it was voted not to settle with Jas. A. Knowles for road damage — Lost 21 to 24 and a Com. was chosen viz: Solomon Smith, [illegible] James Higgins Jr. and Nehemiah [illegible] to select and nominate an agent to defend the suit on the part of the town instigated by James A. Knowles. — The com. nominated D. [illegible] to be said agent, and he was chosen.

Art. 10th Voted that there be four additional pounds provided in different parts of the town, and that the Selectmen appoint keepers for the same — they accordingly appointed for additional pounds Benj. Walker [illegible] Freeman E. Mayo do. Dana Higgins do. and their owners for keepers

Art. 12th Voted not to leave the matter of repairing the dam near the meadow of Jas. A. Knowles and others to protect the Co. road, with the Selectmen. The 12th Art. was then indefinitely postponed.

Art. 13th A motion to take the Town house for a Sch. house was lost, and a motion to indefinitely postpone the article carried by a vote of 25 to 22.

The town's Sedge Grass was then sold at auction and sold in 16 lots as follows:

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Grass at Bishops Island

‖	Joshua Knowles	one share &c.		$1.10 ×
‖	J. W. Nickerson	" "	—	1.10 ×
‖	Francis Kingman	"	—	1.21 ×
‖	Joel Snow	" "	—	1.10 ×
‖	J. W. Nickerson	" "	—	1.10 × Paid $1.05
‖	Joel Snow	"	—	.75 ×

Grass between Rock harbor & Boat Meadow Creek

	Elijah Cole	one share	—	$.55 ×
	Jas. H. Knowles	" "	—	.81 ×
‖	Barnas Doane	" "	—	.75 ×
	Sylvanus Smith	" "	—	.75 {discounted by Selectmen}
	Myrick Smith	" "	—	.80 ×
‖	Jona. Freeman	" "	—	.85 ×

Grass on the Flat Ground

‖	John Myrick	one share		$1.75 ×
‖	Heman Nickerson	" "	—	1.65 ×
‖	Josiah Higgins	" "	—	1.70 ×
‖	J. W. Nickerson	" "	—	1.75 ×
‖	Josiah Higgins	" "	—	1.65 ×
‖	Nathaniel Smith	" "	—	1.15 ×

Grass at Silver Spring

‖	John W. Higgins	one share	—	$1.15 ×
‖	Josiah Higgins	" "	—	1.50 ×
‖	" "	" "	—	1.70 ×
	Josiah Lincoln	" "	—	1.31 ×
	" "	" "	—	2.10 ×
	Josiah ~~Higgins~~ Lincoln	" "	—	2.00

The conditions of the sale was stated to be cash on or before the last day of this month.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Town Meeting May 17th 1852

Barnstable ss

To Noah Doane Constable of the Town of Eastham Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town house in Eastham on Monday the seventeenth day of May inst. at two o clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz:

1st To choose a Moderator

2 To choose a Selectman and Assessor to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. F. Horton

3. To see what action the town will take in regard to certain bills for supplies to S. Cailey's family in 1851

4th To see what the town will take in regard to Bill tax that now stands against certain individuals on the Collectors bills [illegible] -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Methodist Meeting house and at the [illegible] house in [illegible], & in some public place [illegible] at least [illegible] before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifth day of May in the year One thousand, eight

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hundred and fifty two

Joshua Paine }
Heman Mayo } Selectmen

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein named

Eastham May 12 1852   Noah Doane
Constable

The action on the above warrant was as follows—

Art. 1. [illegible] was chosen moderator—

Art. 2— was laid on the table for one hour & the 3d Art was taken up. Voted that the bills for supplies to P. Hances family be read—Read accordingly. Laid on the table & the 2d Article taken up—Crowell Doane was then chosen Selectman and Assessor in place of F. Horton deceased. Mr. Doane requested to be excused—Voted not to excuse him—

On recurrence to the 3d Art it was Voted after some debate that the Overseers of the Poor settle the disputed bills with the Overseers of Orleans as in their judgement they may deem best for the town without going to law.

Art. 4th Voted that the Collector be authorised to collect the outstanding State tax of 1852

After the meeting was adjourned [illegible]. P. Hances clothing &c was sold at auction as follows. turn over

Sale of Paupers Clothing May 17, 18[illegible]

Mrs. [illegible] Store

Dr. Phillips —	2,87x		
Isaac Hopkins —	30x	Rufus Doane —	32
J. Paine for Poor	35	Nathaniel Smith —	[illegible]
Seth Paine —	6x	Edmund Knowles —	40x
I. Hopkins —	17x		$ 3,64
Seth Paine —	10x		
[illegible] Doane —	25		
J. Paine for Poor	10x		
Josiah Smith	7x		
Seth Paine —	10x		
J. Paine —	12		
Seth Paine —	5		
Ezekiel Doane	6		
J. Lincoln	11x		
	x		
Reuben Brewer	14x		
Thomas Doane	69		
Nathaniel Smith	25 — 6,81		

Mrs. Dill's Store

Joshua Paine —	15x
" "	23x
" "	8x
Josiah Lincoln	17x
Freeman Doane	32x
"	11x
J. Lincoln	13x
Reuben Brewer	17x
Nathl. Smith	18x
[illegible] Doane	17x
Seth Paine	22x
[illegible] Knowles	35
" "	50x

Presidential Election Nov. 2, 1852

Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Townhouse on Tuesday the second day of November at twelve O'clock at noon, to bring in to the Selectmen of said town their votes for the whole number of Electors for President & Vice President to which this Commonwealth is entitled. The polls will be opened at half past twelve o'clock. the votes to be brought in in sealed Envelopes.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Methodist Meeting house and also at school house in district No. 1, in said town two public days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time & place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand and fifty two. You are also required to notify the inhabitants of sd town of Eastham to meet at the Tn house on the day aforesaid at ½ past 2 o'clk P.M. to act on the following articles viz:

1st To choose a Moderator

2d. To hear the report of the agent appointed at a former meeting to carry on a

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suit at law against James H. Knowles, and act on that subject as they may think proper.

Joshua Paine
Crowell Doane
Elijah Mayo
Selectmen of Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane Constable

Eastham Oct. 21, 1852

The qualified voters of the town met pursuant to warrant, and brought in their votes as follows:

For Electors at Large

	Robert C. Winthrop	45
	George Bliss	45
	Charles G. Greene	23
	James S. Whitney	23
	Stephen C. Phillips	18
	James French	18
No. 1	Jas. H. W. Page	45
	B. F. Phinney	23
	John H. Shaw	18
No. 2	Geo. A. Crocker	45
	Edwd Carman	23
	William H. Wood	18
No. 3	John Gardner	45
	Caleb Stetson	23
	Edwd L. Keyes	18

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No. 4	Amos Lawrence	45
	Isaac Adams	23
	Timothy Gilbert	18
No 5	Robert G. Shaw	45
	Benjn F. Hallett	23
	John G. Palfrey	18
No 6	Daniel C. Crocker	45
	Jonathan Nayson	23
	John G. Whittier	18
No 7	Geo. Cogswell	45
	E. H. Safford,	23
	Samuel E. Sewall	18
No 8	Jacob Coggin	45
	Walter F. Lunden	23
	John W. Graves	18
No 9	Ebenezer Tory	45
	J. C. S. Hubbllon	23
	Charles Mason	18
No. 10	Luther Bullock	45
	C. P. Ingraham	23
	R. B. Hubbard	18
No. 11	Ebenr B. Cott	45
	Jona. E. Field	23
	Joel Hayden	18

After the polls were closed, a town meeting was organised by the choice of Michael Collins Esq. for Moderator.

Art. 2d – A motion that the Selectmen be a committee to confer with James H. Hunnewells, hear his proposition to settle with the Town for road damage, and report the same to the meeting of the 8th instant, was carried 15 to 12.

Adjourned to the 8th inst at 2. P.M.

State Election Nov. 8th 1852

Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town house in Eastham, on Monday the eighth day of November next at ten o clock in the forenoon first to see if the town will vote to send a representative to the next General Court; and if they so vote, then Second, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and two Senators for the district of Barnstable on one ballot also for a representative to represent them at the next General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. Also to bring in their votes for a representative in the Congress of the United States for District No. one all of which must be deposited in the ballot box in one sealed envelope. The polls will be opened at eleven o clock The polls will also be opened at two o clock P.M. of said day to bring in their votes by ballot. Is it expedient that delegates be chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies

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thereof at the Methodist Meeting house and also at the School house in District No. 1, in said town two public days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Joshua Paine } Selectmen
Crowell Doane } of
Abijah Mayo } Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of sd. town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named.

Eastham Oct. 24, 1852 Noah Doane
Constable

The town met pursuant to warrant and after voting to send a Representative to the next General Court, brought in their votes as follows.

For Governor

John H. Clifford	43 votes
Henry W. Bishop	18 "
Horace Mann	7 "

For Lieut. Governor

Elisha Huntington	43 "
James S. Thompson	18 "
Amasa Walker	7 "

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For Senators

Cyrus Weeks	43
James B. Crocker	43
Alexander Bayler	18
Godfrey Ryder	18
Josiah Hinckley	1
James Gifford	1

For Representative in Congress

Zeno Scudder	43
John Pierce	18
Rodney French	1

In favor of a Convention	40
Against a Convention	31

After three unsuccessful trials to elect a Representative to the General Court the house voted to adjourn sine die. and adjourned accordingly.

Town Meeting Nov. 22. 1852

for the election of a Rep. in Gen. Court

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town house in said town on Monday the twenty second instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following articles, viz.

1st to see if the town will vote to send a representative to the next Gen. Court, and if so, 2d to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a representative to the next General Court.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting houses and at School house in District No. 1, two public days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time & place of holding sd meeting. The polls will be open at half past twelve o'clock.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred & fifty-two,

Joshua Paine
Howell Doane } Selectmen
Abijah Mayo } Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the inhabitants of sd town, qualified, as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named,

Representative Election Nov. 22, 1852

Art. 1st. Voted to send a Representative to the next General Court. At the first trial there was no choice; at the second,
Reuben Nickerson jr had 55 votes
Prince S. Harding " 37 "
Jonathan Snow " 1
and Reuben Nickerson jr was elected accordingly.

Congressional Representative Election
Monday Dec. 13 1852.

To Noah Doane, Constable of the town of Eastham,
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town house in said town on the thirteenth instant, at one o'clock P.M. to give in their votes for one representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1853.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Methodist Meeting house and at the School house in District No. one in said town, two public days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, at

Congl Representative Election Decr 13. 1852

the time and place of holding said meeting. The polls will be opened at half past one o'clock—

Given under our hands this fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

Joshua Paine
Crowell Doane } Select-Men

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Eastham, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane
Constable—

The qualified voters of the Town met pursuant to the foregoing warrant, and brought in their votes as follows=

For Zeno Scudder Sixty three
" Abram H. Howland thirty
Whole No. of ballots ninety three

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To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town house on Monday the seventh day of February at ten o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for three County and two Special Commissioners for the County of Barnstable being inhabitants of different towns in said County agreeable to the laws of the Commonwealth

You are also required to notify and warn the said inhabitants to meet at the aforesaid place and day at eleven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz:

1st to chose a Moderator.

2d to chose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, including School Committee.

3d to hear the report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

4th to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year.

5th To give in their votes for a Co. Treasurer.

6th To see what method the town will adopt for the support of the Poor the ensuing year.

7th to see what method the town will adopt for the protection, management, use, and improvement of all Town's property, and act on that subject as generally as the case may require.

8th To see if the town will build a hearse for the use of the town, and also a house to put it in. By request.

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9th to see if the town will give up to individuals the Great Ponds, with proper restrictions, or to see if the town will appropriate money to improve s. pond, and to act on that subject generally.

10th to By request

to see if the town will build a School house of sufficient dimensions to accommodate the two Districts of Nos. 4 & 5th.

By request

11th to see if the town will put a spout across the road near Nehemiah Doane's house to prevent the water standing on land of Ezekiel Cole.

By request.

12th to see if the town will vote not to choose a School Committee for the ensuing year also to see if the town will vote not to keep any School books on hand for the use of the town.

By request.

13th to see what method the town will adopt for the future employment of Barnabas [illegible] and Isaac Doane.

14th to hear any report of committees that may have been appointed at any previous meeting.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Methodist meeting house in Eastham and also at the School house in Dist. No. One two public days at least before the time of holding said meeting &c. Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding s. meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of January in the year of our Lord one

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thousand eight hundred and fifty three
The polls will be open at half past ten o'clock

Joshua Paine
Crowell Doane } Select-
Abijah Mayo } men

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane Constable

The action on the foregoing Warrant was as follows: Brought in their votes for County and Special Commissioners as follows.

For County Commissioners

David K. Akin	had	48	votes
John Doane	"	48	"
Simeon Dillingham	"	48	"
For Special Do.			
Nathan Jenkins	"	48	"
Jesse Collins	"	48	"

Town Officers chosen.

Art 1st — Moderator — Myrick Clark
Art 2d — Town Clerk and Treasurer
Heman Doane 2d (Sworn)
Selectmen — Joshua Paine — Crowell Doane. Abijah Mayo (Sworn)
Assessors — the same as Selectmen (Sworn)
The collection of taxes was then set at auction and bid off by Noah Doane for one and three eighths per cent. Commission
Constable — Noah Doane (Sworn)
Voted — that the Collector shall be paid no percentage on discounted taxes

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A motion to chose no School Committee was rejected and comee of 5 appointed by the chair to retire and nominate a School Committee. A comee of 5, one from each Sch. district was then chosen to retire and nominate a list of officers that remain to be chosen.

Art 3 — The chairman of the Selectmen submitted their annl report, which was accepted

Art 4th Laid over for the present.

Art, 5th Brought in votes for Co. Treasurer, and Charles F. Swift had 56 votes.

The School Comee submitted their report which was accepted after a warm and rather personal debate in relation to the existing difficulties concerning the management of schools — then brought in their votes for a School Committee, and Michael Collins, Myrick Clark, and Prince S. Harding were chosen —

The Committee appointed to nominate town officers reported for —

Survrs Highways — Abijah Mayo, Joshua Knowles, Thomas Cobb jr., David Higgins, Nehemiah Doane, Ezekiel Dill, Noah Doane

Field Drivers — Jonathan Freeman — Ulrich Smith, Ezekiel Doane, Barnabas Doane — Thomas Cobb jr. Francis Kingman, Stephen C. Smith, Ezekiel Dill.

Fence Viewers — Michael Collins, Jonathan Snow.

Pound Keepers — Thomas Cobb. Leana Higgins and his barn yard to be a pound, Benjamin Walker and his barn yard to be a pound.

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Sealer Weights & Measures N. M. Hatch.
Surveyors Lumber — M. C. Hinton S. S. Harding
Tythingmen — David Higgins Cornelius Doane
Prince S. Harding — Seth Paine — Elijah E. Knowles. Accepted.

Art 7th Messrs. Hara Higgins Michael Collins Barnabas Doane Benjamin Walker and Elijah Mayo were chosen a Comtee to digest a plan for the improvement of the Towns Beach Grass, with instructions to report to the adjournment.
Art. 6th Voted that the method of supporting the Poor the ensuing year be left with the judgment of the Overseers.
Recurring to Art 7th Voted — that for all theatrical exhibitions and all lectures which shall not be free, the rent of the Town house shall be $3 for 24 consecutive hours; and that for all other purposes, the rate of rent shall be fixed by the Selectmen.
A motion (by E. E. Knowles) that no money be paid in future for cleaning School houses,
Voted. that the Town House be used for all religious purposes rent free. 40 to 20,
Art 8th The house, by a close vote refused the indefinite postponement of this Article.
It was then voted by a small majority to build or purchase a Hearse for the use of the Town. A motion to reconsider was made
Adjourned to 10 o'clk. tomorrow
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Art 8th subject of the Hearse under consideration.
Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to receive proposal for building a hearse in

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the style of the one belonging to Orleans, with a suitable harness, and also to have a house built for the same in the centre of the town.

Art 9th Voted – that the Selectmen be authorised to give up to individuals the Great Ponds, under proper restrictions, for the purpose of draining the same, provided, that in so doing, they injure no person's property adjacent thereto.

Art 10th A motion to indefinitely postpone this Article was rejected – a renewal of the motion was then put and carried – so the 10th Article was indefinitely postponed.

Art. 11th Voted – that the Surveyor in district No. 5 be authorised to put a spout across the road near the dwelling house of Jeremiah Doane to prevent the water standing on the land of Ezekiel Dill.

The Comee appointed yesterday to report a plan for the improvement of the towns Sedge ground made the following report: "Your Committee recommend that the town's grass be sold at public auction for the purpose of cutting and not pasturing, as follows: At [illegible] in 16 lots – Flat Ground Grass in 16 lots – Bishop's Island in 16 lots – and that between Boat meadow & Rock harbor river in 16 lots – for the term of one year, to be paid for at the time of sale." Accepted

Art. 12th A motion to postpone so much of this Art. as relates to the keeping of School Books by the town was agreed to.

Art. 13th Voted to leave the matter of the future employment of Isaac Doane with the Selectmen

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Art 14th The chairman of the Selectmen (who were chosen a comee at a former meeting to confer with Mr. Jas. M. [illegible] in relation to a settlement with him for road damage) reported that they have attended to that duty and heard several propositions from him, but none which they deemed acceptable to the Town. Their report was accepted.

The comee appointed yesterday to raise money and appropriate the same for the ensuing year submitted the following, which was accepted.

For Winter Schools	$500 —	
" Summer do	80 —	
" Sup. of Poor	300 —	
Incidental expenses including clearing roads of Snow	450 —	$13.3
Road tax for Improvement to be worked out	200 —	
	$ 1.530 —	

A motion (by C. C. [illegible]) to deduct the expenses of repairing School houses from each districts proportion of School money was rejected.

Voted — That the Collector be requested to pay into the treasury all the Town tax on or before the 1st day of January 1854.

A motion to reconsider the doings of yesterday whereby the House voted to allow the Town house to be used for religious purposes rent free was agreed and it then Voted that the former for

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all religious meetings of one day or a day and evening be 50 cents.

Thomas Cobb jr was excused from serving as Surveyor of highways & field driver, and Freeman G. Hatch substituted. Ezekiel Dill was also excused as field driver without a substitute.

Major J. Snow was chosen an additional Surveyor of highways to have the special care of the bridge.*

Adjourned *sine die*.

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*P.S. Messrs. B. H. A. Collins, S. C. Atwood and J. M. Higgins at this meeting protested against the town's possession of or in any manner improving the sedge ground claimed by the "Herbage" proprietors of the town and requested their protests to be entered in the record.

Attest. H. Doane 2^{d} Clerk

Town Meeting Feb. 25th 1853

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of
Eastham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Townhouse on Monday the twenty eighth inst. at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, viz:

1st To choose a moderator.

2d To see what action the town will take in regard to the petition of Prince S. Harding & others to the Mass. Legislature, to be set off from the town of Eastham and annexed to Orleans, and act on that subject as they may think proper.

3d To see if the town will vote to move the School house in District No. 4, to a central location, in said district, and also buy a sufficient play ground and erect suitable back houses for the accommodation of the scholars.

4th To see if the town will appoint some special agent or agents to look after school house property and private property adjoining the school houses, that may be injured by the scholars, and prosecute all offenders when known, and make report to the School Committee in all cases of damage done to school houses and fences, that the same may be paid for by the districts. By request

5th To see if the town will vote to have the Selectmen's and Treasurer's Report for 1852 printed.

And you are to serve this warrant by

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posting up attested copies thereof at the Methodist Meeting house and also at the Sch. house in District No. 1 two public days at least before the time of holding s^d meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Joshua Paine } Select
Abijah Mayo } men

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane, Constable

Action on the foregoing warrant as follows

Art. 1. chose Jesse Collins moderator.

Art. 2. A Committee was appointed, the same consisting of Messrs. Michael Collins Dr. Phillips and Abijah Mayo to draft a remonstrance to the Gen. Court against the petition of Prince S. Harding and others, to be set off from Eastham and annexed to Orleans, to be forwarded to our representative at Boston, and request him in the name of the Town to do all in his power that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted; also further voted that this com^ee visit and examine the premises previous to drafting this remonstrance, to ascertain if any and what part of the bridge is included within the lines described in said petition.

Art. 3. Voted not to move the school house in Dist. No. 4. also voted that the Prudential Committee be authorised to look after School house and private property

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adjoining, and prosecute all offenders when known, and report to the Selectmen all cases of damage done to school houses and fences when the offenders cannot be known that the same may be paid for by the district.

Art. 2nd was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of C. C. Knowles, it was then voted that the board of Selectmen be authorised to prepare a petition to the Legislature for an act of incorporation for improving the Great ponds for fishing &c by the Town.

Adjournment.

Town Meeting March 7th 1853.

for choice of a Delegate to State Convention

Pursuant to a warrant from the Selectmen, the qualified voters of the town met and brought in their votes for a delegate to the State Convention to be holden in Boston on the of May 1853 —

David C. Atwood had fifty eight votes

Prince S. Harding " forty eight "

& David C. Atwood was declared elected.

A meeting was then organized to act upon the articles of the warrant by the choice of Elijah Clark for moderator.

Art. 2 The substance of this article was "to see if the town will call upon the agent appointed to defend the suit against James H. Knowles, to report what money it has cost, and the conditions on which the Court consented to lay over the case" &c. The town having no suit against Jas. H.

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Knowles, it was argued that no proper action could be taken upon the article; it was therefore voted that it be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 3rd. "To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to discontinue the Town's Agency for the sale of Spiritual Liquors, and close the whole concern". whereupon it was voted to instruct the Selectmen to discharge said agent.

Art. 4th "To see if the town would change the location selected for the hearse house, to a more convenient one". Voted, to indefinitely postpone this article.

Art. 5th "To see if the town will sustain the Selectmen in selling the sedge grass belonging to the town; voted to sustain them!

The Grass in different parts of the town was then set at auction, and sold in one sixth lots for $27.63.

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To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, to meet at the Town-house in sd town on Monday the twenty eighth day of March inst. at three o'clock P. M. to act on the following Articles viz:

1st to choose a moderator

2 to see if the town will purchase a suitable lot of land to build a school house upon in the most suitable location near the centre of District No. 4.

3d to see if the town will raise a sufficient sum of money to pay for said land and also to build a school house thereon, and take all other measures necessary to the building of said house.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Meeting house and also at the Sch. house in district No. 1 two public days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the day of said meeting. Given under our hands this seventeenth day of March A.D. 1853

Joshua Paine
Abijah Mayo Selectmen

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of sd Town to meet at the time & place, & for the purposes therein named

Noah Doane Constable

Town Meeting March 28th 1853

The action of the town on the foregoing warrant was as follows:

Art. 1. Jesse Collins was chosen Moderator

Art. 2 was laid on the table and the 3 art. taken up. — and voted thereon not to build a school house in District No. 4.

Art. 2d was then indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned

State Election, Nov. 14. 1853

Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane, Constable of the town of Eastham — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Eastham, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town house in said Eastham, on Monday the fourteenth day of November inst it being the second Monday in said month, at 12 O'clock, noon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor, Lieut. Governor, and for two Senators for District No. one on one ticket. Also to see if the town will vote to send a representative to the Gen. Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, and if they so vote, then to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for that purpose.

Also, to bring in their votes for or against the Constitutional Proposition (in sealed envelopes) in accordance with the resolves of the Delegates in Convention at Boston, May 1853.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting houses in Eastham, and also at School house in District No. one, two public days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

State Election Nov 14. 1853.

Given under our hands this second day of November A. D. 1853; the polls will be open at half past twelve o'clock.

Joshua Paine
J. Crowell Doane
Abijah Mayo.
} Select men

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named

Noah Doane,
Constable

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the qualified voters of the town met and brought in their votes as follows

For Governor

Emory Washburn	fifty four
Henry W. Bishop	twenty two
Henry Wilson	fifteen

For Lieut. Governor

William C. Plunkett	fifty four
Levi A. Dowley	twenty two
Amasa Walker	fifteen

For 2 Senators for District No one

James B. Crocker	fifty four
Robert Y. Paine	fifty four
Alexander Baylies	twenty two
David Mayo	twenty two
Josiah Hinckley	fifteen
James Gifford	fifteen

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Voted to send a representative to the General Court

Jonathan Snow had forty six
Myrick C. Horton thirty six

Then brought in their votes for and ag-
ainst the Constitutional proposals as
follows

Proposition No. 1 { Yeas thirty-one
{ Nays forty six
Prop. No. 2 { Yeas thirty
{ Nays forty six

Prop. No. 3 { Yeas thirty two
{ Nays forty five
Prop. No. 4 { Yeas thirty two
{ Nays forty five
Prop. No. 5 { Yeas thirty two
{ Nays forty five
Prop. No. 6 { Yeas thirty two
{ Nays forty five
Prop. No. 7 { Yeas thirty two
{ Nays forty five
Prop. No. 8 { Yeas. thirty two
{ Nays forty five

Adjourned

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Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Townhouse on Monday the thirteenth inst. at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles, viz

1. To choose a moderator

2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, including School Comm.ee

3d To hear the Annual Report of the treasurer & Selectmen and act thereon

4th To raise such sums of money as they may think proper to defray the town expenses the ensuing year, & make appropriation of the same.

5th To bring in their votes for a Co. Treasurer.

6th To see what method the town will adopt for the support of the Poor the ensuing year.

7th To see what method the town will adopt for the protection, management, use and improvement of the town's property, and act on that subject as the case may require.

8th To see if the town will vote to build a schoolhouse for the accommodation of districts No. 4 & 5. By request

9th To see if the town will accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen in the south part of the town. By request.

10th To see if the town will vote that the width of the road leading by John [illegible]'s to the west shore be so altered as to agree with the road as it now is. By request

11th To see if the Town will vote to pay Ben. Higgins bill for damage received on account of the road being out of repair. By request

The Polls will be open at half past ten O'clock.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in Eastham, and also at the School house in District No. 1 ten [illegible] days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Joshua Paine }
Harvell Doane } Selectmen
Abijah Mayo }

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane
Constable.

Annual Town Meeting Feb. 12 1854

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the meeting came to order at 10 o'clock A.M. and chose [illegible] moderator.

Art. 2nd Heman Doane 2d was chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Selectmen — Joshua Paine, Abijah Mayo,
[illegible] Doane 2d

Voted — not to choose a separate board of Assessors, other than the Selectmen —

Voted — that the Assessors be instructed to insist on the Statute law respecting invoices of persons paying Taxes, that the same be sworn to and recorded on the town books, and filed for reference.

The choice of a School Committee was postponed & a Committee of 5 chosen to retire and nominate a list of the officers remaining to be chosen.

Art. 3rd The Selectmen submitted their Annual Report, which was accepted. A motion to reconsider the vote to accept the Selectmen's report was carried, and after considerable discussion on sundry items of expense respecting the Poor, it was finally accepted.

The Committee chosen to nominate officers reported as follows; which was accepted.

For Surveyors of Highways — Abijah Mayo, Ezekiel Doane, Knowles Doane, Daniel Higgins, Ezekiel Dill.

Field drivers — Benjamin Walker, Ezekiel Doane, Knowles Doane, Freeman Higgins, Heman Doane.

Fence Viewers — Jonathan [illegible], Heman [illegible] and [illegible] Collins.

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Surveyor of Lumber & Measurer of Coal. —
Myrick C. Horton - Harvey Harding,
Tythingmen — Freeman D. Hatch - Daniel Hig-
gins, [illegible] [illegible] - Barnabas Doane
Sealer Weights & Measures — [illegible] S. Paine
Pound Keeper — Thomas Cobb.
Voted — that Benjamin Walker & Isaac Higgins
Barnyards be used as pounds and that they
act as Keepers of the same during the year.
Art. 4th was passed over to the adjournment
Art. 5th [illegible] [illegible] votes for a Co. Treasurer
Charles [illegible] [illegible] had 64 votes —
Art. 6th Voted — that the Towns Poor be let to
board by the Overseers to one person during
the year.
Art. 7th Voted that the Towns grass be sold
at auction by the Selectmen at such time &
place as they think proper, under the same
regulations and restrictions as last year.
On motion to choose two persons [illegible]
John W. Nickerson, & Nehemiah Doane were
nominated & chosen, to go over the beach [illegible]
[illegible] the horse, dig the grave, procure the coffin,
& make all necessary arrangements for the burial
of the dead [illegible] & receive $2 — from the Town [illegible]
[illegible] for each [illegible]
Art. 8th was indefinitely postponed
Art. 9th — The Report of the Selectmen [illegible]
[illegible] on the South part of the Town
[illegible] to them, with instructions
to report at a future meeting the whole sum
which said road, when finished, will [illegible]
[illegible]
than it now is.
Art. 10th was indefinitely postponed

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this house and sold at the next town meeting.

Adjourned to dinner hour. 1 o clk P.M.

Art. 11th Voted to allow Benj Higgins bill for damage sustained in breaking his cart while passing over Nausett, meadow bridge.

Art. 3d (to raise money) was then taken up. The committee of 3 was chosen to report at the adjournment what amount of money it is necessary to raise to defray the expenses of the town for the current year. This Com. was Reuben Nickerson Jr. Barnabas Freeman and D. C. Atwood.

Adj^d to Monday 20th inst. at 10 O'clk A.M.

Adjournment Feb. 20, 1854.

The meeting was called to order at 10 O'clk A.M. The Selectmen, to whom was recommitted their report laying out a Road in the South part of the town reported — that the whole cost of said road, when completed would be $2.25 — said road to be 24 feet wide. A motion to accept the report being withdrawn, it was moved & carried, that when this meeting adjourn, it be Monday fortnight, at 1 o'ch. P.M. It was then Voted to recommit the above report to the Selectmen, without instructions. Art. 3d The committee appointed at the meeting of the 13th inst. to raise money for the current year reported as follows.

For Winter Schools	$500
" Summer do	,80
" Poor	4.00
" Incidental Expenses	4 50
	$14.50

Voted to amend the above report by giving $140 to each District for Winter and Summer Sch^ls.

Adjd Town Meeting. Feb. 20. 1854 —
to the appropriation [illegible] as they think proper.
Art. The vote of the 13th inst. to choose two Sextons
be a reconsideration [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] then voted that the Selectmen choose
a person to keep the Town House and also to have
the care and keeping of the hearse and hearse-house.

Art. 2d The collection of Taxes for 1854 being set
at auction was bid off by Noah Deane for
nine mills commission — on conditions that he
give proper security to the Treasurer, and that he
pay all the town tax for 1854 into the treasury on
or before the first day of January, 1855 — or in
default thereof, forfeit his commission. Noah
Deane was then chosen Constable. —
Proceeded to ballot for School Committee —
Mitchell Collins, Joseph Clark and Daniel
Moore were chosen —*
Voted — that the prudential committees select
teachers for the several districts as heretofore.
The Selectmen were instructed to obtain a copy
of the decision of the Supreme Court in the
Carver, [illegible] Case. —
Voted — that the bills outstanding for years be
collected by the treasurer forthwith. —
Voted — that the Selectmen be instructed to em-
ploy a physician to the Poor for the year. —
Voted — to abate Nehemiah Deane's bill of
[illegible] for [illegible] in 1853 [illegible]
& Voted that the Town not guarantee the [illegible]
for any loss at the time —
Voted unanimously — that the Hearse on the [illegible]
side of the hill be [illegible] to be brought to the Town House
& sold at the next meeting.
Adjd to Monday [illegible] at 1 o'clock P.M.
* Heard Report of Sch. Commee which was accepted.

Adjourned Town Meeting. March 6th 1854

Pursuant to adjournment the town met and voted as follows;

The Selectmen, to whom was recommitted their report laying a road in the south part of the town, submitted a report of a new draft laying out said road with damages assessed— Voted— to accept said report, and that the sum of two hundred and seventy five dollars ($275.00) be added to the appropriations for the present year, to defray the expense of said road & bridge connected.— The Selectmen were appointed a Committee to let the building of the bridge connected with said road to the lowest bidder— Voted further, that the Selectmen contract for a bridge to be made of earth above tide water, provided it can be done at a cost not exceeding seventy five dollars ($75.00).

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the town indefinitely postponed the 8th article of the warrant, was sustained, and a motion being made to build a union School house for districts No. 4 & 5. was then put and lost.

Benj. F. Hallett, Agent for the town in the Meadow Swamp Road Case, made a verbal report concerning the expenses &c of the defence, which occasioned a lengthy debate.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.

After the adjournment the grass ground owned by Mr. David Snow, was set at auction & sold to Henry Deane for $5.00

Road Survey.

On the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Eastham, to lay out a road in the South part of the town the Selectmen have met and laid out a road as follows: Beginning at a stone by the side of town road near Capt Luther Hurds on line, thence running North 57° West five rods eighteen links on land of said Hurd thence on same Hurds land, North 70° West nine rods thence on same Hurds land North 66° West fifty seven rods to land of Ephraim Higgins thence by land of said Higgins, North 57° West twenty five rods fifteen links, to land of Capt Heman Doane thence by said Doanes land North, 57° West 18 rods to land of Reuben Nickerson Jr. North, 57° West ten rods to land of Timothy Smith thence by said Smiths land North 46° West, twenty two rods thence on sd Smiths land, North 73° West sixteen rods to the edge of the meadow thence across the meadow of Joseph C. Mayo and John Doane Esq. (by a bridge) North 57° West, twenty four rods to land of Solomon H. Mayo thence on said Mayo's land North 76° West twenty rods thence on same Mayo's land South 81° West twenty four rods to the west shore. The above road is to be two rods wide, and on the north side of the above mentioned lines.

Eastham Feb. 27. 1854

Joshua Paine
Elijah Mayo
Russell Doane
Selectmen

Damages awarded to the several individuals of the above road as follows:

Capt Luther Hurd	$60.00
Henry Harding	15.00
	$75.00

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Davis Smith	$12.00	Joseph L. Mayo	$4.00
Heman Doane	25.00	John Doane 2d	4.00
Reuben Nickerson jr	20.00	Bridge [illegible]	
Timothy Smith	21.00	[illegible] —	70.00
Solomon H. Mayo	25.00		78.00
	$103.00		103.00
		Brought up	78.00
			$259.00

A True Copy—

Attest

H. Doane, 2d

Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 20th 1854

To Noah Doane Constable of the Town of Eas-
tham – Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Com-
monwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inha-
bitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vot
in town affairs, to meet at the Town house on Mon-
day the twentieth instant at three o'clock P.M.
to act on the following articles viz:

1st to choose a moderator

2d to see what the town will take for furnishing
the District No. 1 with a suitable place for keep-
ing their School the ensuing year, and do all
things necessary for building a Schoolhouse or
the removing and repairing the remainder of the
one that now is

Hereof you are to serve this warrant by post-
ing up attested copies hereof at both of the me-
eting houses and also at the School house in
district No 1, two public days at least before the
time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make return of this
warrant with your doings thereon to the Town
Clerk on or before the time of holding said mee-
ting. Given under our hands this ninth day
of March A.D. 1854

Joshua Paine
Lowell Doane } Select
Abijah Mayo } men

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified
and warned the said inhabitants of said Town
qualified as therein expressed to meet at the
time and place & for the purposes therein named

Noah Doane
Constable

Town Meeting, March 20. 1854.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the town was met at the Town Hall and acted thereon as follows:-
Art 1st Chose Isaac May moderator
Art 2- A motion to build a School house in district No 4. after some debate was put and lost. — A motion to chose a committee of 3 to examine the condition of the School house in said district and make report at the next town meeting, prevailed — and Joel May, Bensley Doane, and Freeman [illegible] were chosen - Adjourned-

Congressional Election Apr. 3d. 1854

B[illegible] ss

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town house in said Eastham on Monday the th[illegible] day of [illegible] at [illegible] P.M. to give in their votes to the Selectmen for one representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for the remainder of the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1853 —

[illegible] posting up attested copies thereof at both of the meeting houses in said town, and also at School [illegible] in district No 1 two public days at least before the time of holding said meeting; [illegible] Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant to the Selectmen on or before the day of s.d meeting. Given under our hands this twentieth day of March A. D. 1854

The polls will be open at half past two o'clock

Joshua Paine
Crowell Doane } Selectmen
Abijah Mayo

[illegible] notified & warned the male inhabitants of s.d town qualified as therein expressed to meet at time & place & for the purposes therein named

Noah Doane
Constable

Congressional Election Apr. 3d 1854 —

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the qualified
voters of the town of Eastham assembled in their
[illegible]
tative in the Congress of the United States in pl
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

The Committee appointed at a former meeting
to [illegible] the condition of the Schoolhouse in
district No 4 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
house considerably out of repair, and estima
ted the expense of repairing it for the present
at [illegible]
being raised whether this meeting was proper
ly a town meeting, there being no article in the
warrant touching this business, the matter
[illegible].

The Selectmen [illegible]
submitted their revision to the town, which
was accepted. —

Town Meeting July 1st 1854

Pursuant to warrant the qualified voters of the town assembled at the Town house and acted as follows,

Art. 1st Chose Michael Collins Moderator

Art. 2d Chose [illegible] for District No. 5 in place of Nathaniel [illegible] declined.

Art. 3d "To see if the town will vote to call on the County Commissioners to lay out anew a County Road commencing near the dwelling house of Samuel Smith in Eastham and terminating at the Boat meadow bridge, said road to be where it now is as near as may

After considerable debate on the subject of the town petitioning the Co. Commissioners to lay out such a road, a motion was made to petition therefor, which being put to vote was lost. The meeting then dissolved.

Road Record

To the Selectmen of the Town of Eastham.

The undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Eastham would hereby respectfully represent it as their opinion that the public good and convenience require that the townway commencing near the dwelling house of Sally Smith of Eastham, and leading westerly to near the westerly end of a cedar swamp, which has been laid out with gates & bars, ought now to be laid out as an open road. We therefore request you to lay out said road as an open road. And also to lay out a town road commencing at the west end of the above named road, running westerly over lands of Seth Knowles and others to the town road leading to Boat meadow river bridge.

Barnabas Freeman
Ezekiel Doane
Daniel Cole
Daniel Penniman
Seth Knowles
James H. Knowles
Timothy Smith
Nathl Cole

Reuben Nickerson Jr
Knowles Doane
Joshua Knowles
Seth Paine
Micah S. Paine
Elkanah K. Paine
John E. Bangs
Seymour Bangs.

To the within petitioners

For various and obvious reasons, we decline laying out and opening the road as requested.

Joshua Paine, } Select-
Abijah Mayo } men.

A true copy of the petition filed with the Commissioners and of the endorsement thereon.

Attest. Timothy Reed Clerk"

A true copy.

Attest. H. Doane 2d Town Clerk

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Barnstable — the undersigned inhabitants of Eastham in said County respectfully represent that the public convenience & necessity require that an open town way should be laid out in Eastham, commencing near the dwelling house of Mrs. Sally Smith & leading westerly to near the north end of a cedar swamp, — the same heretofore having been laid out & used as a town way for [illegible] years. And also to lay out a town way from the west end of the road abovenamed over land of Seth Knowles & others, to a town road leading to Boat meadow [illegible] bridge, that heretofore, within one year last past your petitioners have requested & prayed the Selectmen of the town of Eastham to lay out the above town ways aforesaid, but they have refused, and your petitioners allege unreasonably refused to view the premises or to do any thing towards laying out the same — wherefore your petitioners who are aggrieved by the aforesaid unreasonable neglect & refusal of said Selectmen request your Hon. Board to view the premises & locate & lay out the town ways as above prayed for.

Eastham June 1854

Benjamin Freeman
Ezekiel Doane
J. G. Collins
Joshua Knowles
Seth Doane
Freeman [illegible]
Michael S. Freeman
Samuel Snow Jr.
Elkanah [illegible] Freeman

John H. Bangs
Freeman Bangs
Daniel Cole
David [illegible]
Seth Knowles
James H. Knowles
Timothy Smith
Luther Hurd
[illegible] Jr.
[illegible] Doane

A true Copy — Attest, Timothy Rich, Clerk
A true Copy Attest,
A. Doane 2d Town Clerk

Report of a Road laid out by the County Commissioners in 1854.

"Upon the petition of Barnabas Freeman and others for a town way in Eastham in the County of Barnstable, commencing near the dwelling house of Mrs. Sally Smith and leading westerly to near the west end of a Cedar Swamp the same having been laid and used as a town way through gates & bars, and also to lay out a town way from the west end of the way above named to a town way leading to Boat meadow river bridge that heretofore within one year past said petitioners prayed the Selectmen of said town of Eastham to lay out and open the town ways aforesaid, and that they unreasonably neglected and refused so to do, legal notice having been given according to an order annexed to the petition at a Court of Co. Commissioners begun and holden by adjournment at Barnstable in said County on the 11th day of July A.D. 1854 the Commissioners met at the time and place therein named and viewed the premises and after hearing all persons and corporations interested who were present, adjudged that the common convenience and necessity did not require that the prayer of said petition so far as relates to the town way commencing near the dwelling house of Mrs. Sally Smith and leading westerly to near the west end of a Cedar Swamp, should be granted therefore they dismiss that part of said petition. And they further adjudged that the prayer of said petition relating to a town way from the west end of the road before named, passing over land of Seth Knowles and others to a town way leading to Boat meadow river bridge, should be [illegible], made an adjudication thereupon, [illegible] they proceeded to locate and lay out a town way as follows, viz.

Beginning at a stake standing near the north west corner of the town way first before named, running thence S. 78° W. 15 R. 12 L. over land of Seth Knowles, to a stake, thence south 87°
(to same to a stake - thence S. 77½° W. 75 R. over land of
W. 42 R. 13 L. over land of [illegible] to a stake standing by the east side of said road leading to Beals meadow bridge, so called. The above courses constitute the northerly side of the town way which is to be forty feet wide. The [illegible] the owners of land over which said road is laid are allowed till the last day of October instant, to take off their timber wood or trees, &c.

And the town of [illegible] is hereby ordered to reduce the hills and fill the valleys so as to make the ascents and descents gradual and easy, and to make the same sufficiently wide in the centre part thereof for carriages to pass each other in safety. And said town is hereby directed to cause permanent stone bounds [illegible] not less than three feet long, two feet of which at least, shall be inserted in the earth, to be erected at the termini and angles of said roads and have the whole completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, and satisfy them of such completion, on or before the last day of December next.

In locating and laying out said road there is allowed to the persons hereinafter named for damages, the following sums viz.

To Seth Knowles — — $3.47

" Joshua Cole —— —— $1,57
Amounting in the whole to $14,08 fourteen dollars and eight cents, which sum the town of Chatham is ordered to pay to the above named persons when said road is completed and accepted and to pay to the Treasurer of the County of Barnstable the cost of the proceedings taxed at thirty four and 24/100 dollars.

Done at Barnstable
October 10th 1854

John Doane
[illegible]
Simeon Dillingham

A true Copy
Attest. Timothy Reed. Clerk

True Copy,
Attest: H. Doane 2d Town Clerk

Town Meeting August 22. 1854

Barnstable ss.
To Noah Doane Constable of Eastha

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are required to notify the Inhabitants of the tow
of Eastham qualified to vote in town affairs to assemb
at the Townhouse in said town on Tuesday the twenty
second day of August instant, at two o'clock P.M.
to act on the following Articles viz.

1st. To choose a moderator
2nd To see what action the town will take on an or
der of notice from the Co. Commissioners in regard to
opening and laying out a road from the County road
to [illegible] bridge South of the Cedar Swamp
3d To hear the report of the Selectmen laying out a
road Commencing at the County road near the house
of [illegible] Gill house to the West shore and act
thereon
4th To see if the town will vote to accept the road as
laid out by the Selectmen commencing at the County
road to the [illegible] of [illegible] Doane jr. [illegible]
to the West shore.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by po
ing up attested copies thereof at both the meeting hou
ses in Eastham, and also at School house in distr
No. one

Hereof fail not, and make return of this w
rant with your doings thereon at or before the
of holding said meeting.
Given under our hands this [illegible] day of Aug
ust A.D. 1854

Joshua Paine
Crowell Doane } Selectmen
Abijah Mayo

Town Meeting August 22. 1846

Art. 1st Michael Collins was chosen moderator.

Art. 2nd A motion to indefinitely postpone this article was put to vote and lost. A motion was made that the chair appoint a committee of 3 to retire and report the names of 3 persons to be chosen to meet the Co. Commissioners on the 30th inst. and to object in behalf of the town to their laying out the town ways prayed for by Barnabas Freeman & others — this was also lost. The 2nd art. was then laid on the table by a vote of 7 to 5. Another motion to take it up prevailed, and it was voted, that the board of Selectmen be a committee to meet the Co. Commissioners on the 30th instant to represent the town without instructions —

Art. 3rd the report of the Selectmen laying out an open way on the petition of Elijah Clark and others being under consideration Hardy Knight protested against taking action thereon he having had no legal notice from the Selectmen. The 3rd and 4th Articles were then indefinitely postponed

Adjourned

State Election Nov. 13th 1854.

Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane, Constable of Ea
tham Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Townhouse on Monday the thirteenth instant at ten o'clock A.M. it being the second Monday in said month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governo Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for two Senators for the District of Barnstable Also for a Representative to the Congress of the United for District No. 1. all on one ballot. Also to bring in their votes for one County Commissioner for the County of Barnstable. Also to see if the town will vote to send a Representative to the General Court at the next Session; if so then to bring in their votes for a Representative to the Gen. Court.

You are also required to notify the inhabitants of said town of Eastham qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the place on the day abovementioned at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles:

1st To choose a moderator.

2nd To see if the town will accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Myrick Clark & others from the County road to the west shore

3rd To see if the town will accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Elijah E. Knowles & others, from the town road near Barnabas Doane jr. to intersect the road laid out by Myrick Clark.

4th To see if the town will accept of a road

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as laid out by the Selectmen on petition of David C. Atwood and others from the road leading by Isaiah H. Gill to the Sunken meadow bars.

5th To see what the town will do in regard to the road that leads to the South of the Cedar swamp and to act on that subject as they may think proper.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and also at the School house in District No. 1, in Eastham, two public days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Giving under our hands this second day of November A.D. 1854.

Joshua Paine } Select
Crowell Doane } Men
Abijah Mayo }

The qualified voters brought in their votes as follows:

For Governor

Emory Washburn	twenty four
Henry W. Bishop	six
Henry Wilson	nine
Henry J. Gardner	Sixty-seven

For Lieut. Governor

William C. Plunkett	twenty four
Caleb Stetson	six
Increase Sumner	Nine
Simon Brown	Sixty seven

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For Senators

Robert G. Paine of Wellfleet	24	
Mulford W. Nickerson of Dennis	24	
John Doane	[illegible]	
John Smith	6	
Thomas C. Bassett	7	
Michael Collins	8	
Sylvester Baxter	67	
Lewis L. Sellew	67	106

For Representative in Congress.

Thomas D. Eliot	33	
Abraham H. Howland	6	
Robert B. Hall	67	108

For a County Commissioner

Nathaniel Snow	22	
Rufus L. Thacher	3	
James Gifford	5	
David A. Smith	65	95

For Represent. to General Court.

Elijah E. Knowles	74	
[illegible] Cook	32	111

and Elijah E. Knowles was chosen
after the polls were closed a town meeting was o-
pened pursuant to warrant by choosing E.
C. Moore moderator.
Art. 2. the Selectmen submitted their report
of laying out a road on the petition of Elijah
Cook and others which was rejected.
Art. 3. the report of the Selectmen on lay-
ing out a road on the petition of E. E. Knowles
& others was submitted, debated, and accepted
by a vote of 37 to 22.

Town Meeting, Nov 13, 1854.

Art. 4th The report of another road survey on petition of E. C. Atwood and others was submitted to the town and on motion to accept said report, it was voted not to accept it — 19 to 22

Art. 5th relating to the Cedar Swamp Road was indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned

Record of a Road.

On the petition of Elijah C. Atwood & others, to lay out and open a road from the town road near Barnabas Doane Jr to intersect with the road near Myrick Clark's, we the Selectmen, after giving notice to all persons interested, met and laid out a road as follows; Beginning at a stake on the west side of the town road near the dwelling house of Barnabas Doane Jr, in Chatham, thence running North 82° West 55 rods on land of Joshua W. Nickerson, thence on land of said Nickerson North 56° West, 3 rods to land of Myrick Clark, thence on said Clark's land North 76° West, 35 rods to the road that leads by said Myrick Clark's. The above road is to be two rods wide on the north of the above described line, and we have estimated the damage sustained by the persons over whose land said road is laid, and have awarded as follows: for land and fence.

To Joshua W. Nickerson	$150,00
To Myrick Clark	40,00
	$190,00

Chatham October 28th 1854

Joshua Paine
Crowell Doane } Selectmen
Abijah Mayo }

A true copy
Attest. H. Doane 2d
Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov. 27, 1854 —

Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham — You are hereby ordered, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Townhouse on Monday the 27th instant at 10 O clock A. M. to act on the following articles

1st to choose a moderator.

2d to see if the town will reconsider the vote accepting the report of the Selectmen on a road laid out by them commencing near [illegible] Doane jr. and ending near the residence of Myrick Clark.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the meeting houses in said town and also at the School house in District No. 1 [illegible] days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Dated Eastham November 17 1854.

Joshua Paine } Selectmen
Abijah Mayo }

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane, Constable

The meeting was organised by choosing Reuben Nickerson jr moderator.

Art. 2d. It was moved by E. C. [illegible] that the [illegible] ing district was carried by a unanimous vote.

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Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham, Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town House on Monday the 12th instant at ten O'clock A.M. to act on the following articles viz:

1. to choose a Moderator
2. to choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, including School Committee.
3d To give in their votes for a Co. Treasurer.
4. to hear the report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year.
6th To see what method the town will adopt for the support of the Poor the ensuing year.
7th to see what method the town will adopt for the protection, management and improvement of the town's property, or act thereon as they may think proper.
8th to see if the town will vote to build a new schoolhouse in District No. 4, or provide a suitable building in the centre of the district to keep school in. By request.
9th to see if the town will accept of the road laid out by the Selectmen from the County Road near the residence of the late [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] D. Nickerson to the Beach Road.
10th to see what method the town will adopt

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to procure pounds for stray cattle in different parts of the town.

11.th to see if the town will vote to let the Town house to be used, for a school house

12.th to see if the town will procure a Compass, and, chain for the use of the town.

13th to see what method, the town will take to stop persons from other towns from grazing on meadows and fields in this town.

14th to see if the town will discount Freeman E. Hatch's bill of books bought of Elijah E. Knowles.

And, you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at both the Meeting houses, and also at the School House in District No. 1 seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and, make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town clerk at or before the time of said, meeting. Given under our hands this first day of February A. D. 1855.

Joshua Paine }
Crowell Doane } Selectmen
Abiah Mayo }

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified, the male inhabitants of s^d town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place and for the purposes, therein named.

Noah Doane
(Constable

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 12th 1855.

Art. 1. Reuben Nickerson jr. was chosen Mod=
Art. 2d Heman Doane 2d was chosen Town Clerk & Treasurer and sworn.

Orswell Doane, Abijah Mayo, & Joshua Knowles were chosen Selectmen. (sworn)
Voted, not to chose a seperate board of Assessors for the ensuing year.

Dr. John Phillips, E. C. Knowles, and Seth Paine, were elected School Committee.

Voted. to lay over the election of Constables & sell at Auction the Collection of taxes for 1855, and the collectorship was bid off by Noah Doane for 8 pr. ct. commission. Then balloted for Constable and Joshua Paine was chosen and sworn.

Art 3d Brought in votes for a Co. Treasurer.
Charles F. Swift had, — 34 votes.
Chs. Baker jr " 39 — " Wh. No. 73.
Adjd. 1/2 an hour to hold an Auction.
Art. 4. The Selectmen submitted their annual report for 1854, which was accepted.
A committee of 5 was voted to be appointed by the chair to retire and nominate a list of the officers remaining to be chosen.
Art. 6th Voted that the town's Poor be all let to board to one person the ensuing year, and that the Selectmen let them to the lowest bidder at the adjournment of this meeting, provided they deem it a suitable place for the Poor.
Art. 7th was laid on the table.
Art. 8th Voted not to build a School house in District No. 4.

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The committee appointed to nom. officers reported as follows, which, with several amendments was accepted:

Surveyors of Highways — For Dist. No. 1 Elijah Mayo; No. 2. Freeman C. Mayo; No. 3 Freeman C. Hatch; No. 4 David Higgins; No. 5. Abram M. Horton; — Jona. Sherman for Boat meadow bridge & Neck Road for Nauset Road and bridge.

Field drivers — Benj. Walker Jr. Or Fr. F. C. Hatch; Frederic Mayo; A. M. Horton;

Surveyors of Lumber — Henry Harding Seymour Bangs;

Fence viewers — John Myrick; James H. Knowles.

Hogreeves — Barnabas Freeman David Higgins.

Seal. Weights & Measures — Micah S. Paine

Voted — that the several field drivers ha use their own pounds.

The com. chosen to raise money reported the following, which was accepted:

For Schools — Repairs & School fund	
& Interest of Surplus — —	$600 00
Support of the Poor — —	300 00
Repairs on Roads — —	200 00
Incidental Expenses —	400 00

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Art. 9th Voted not to accept the report of the Selectmen laying out a public town way on the petition of Elijah Clark & others, nearly unanimously.

Art. 10. Voted to let the Town house rent free for one year, for the purpose of keeping a private school, on condition that the person renting it become responsible for its good usage. —

Art. 12th Voted to purchase a Compass and Chain for the use of the town.

Art. 13th The Selectmen were authorised to give notice through the papers, forbidding all persons belonging in other towns going on to the town's marsh & uplands for the purpose of gunning — and also on the fields and meadow grounds of individuals, unless permitted by the owners, and to prosecute for all acts of trespass in violation of this order. —

Art. 14th Voted not to discount to J. C. Hatch his bill of Sch. Books bought of C. E. Knowles. —

Art. 7th taken up, and voted that the Selectmen sell the town's grass at such time and place as they think best. —

The Selectmen gave notice that they would meet at the T. house on the 26th inst. at ½ o'clk P.M. to sell the town's Grass, the Poor, Bena. Lombard and Town Counsellor.

Adjd Sine die.

Town Meeting March 5. 1855

Barnstable ss.

To Joshua Paine Constable of the town of Eastham in the County of Barnstable

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify & warn the Inhabitants of sd town of Eastham qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town house on Monday the fifth day of March next at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles;

1st to choose a moderator

2d to hear the report of the School Committee and act thereon.

3d to know what further action the town will take in relation to the "Herring Case" now pending between the town and the Proprietary of Orleans. By Request

4th to see if the town will accept the road laid out by the Selectmen ~~[illegible]~~ from Freeman S. Cole's house to the west shore on the petition of John Hopkins & others

By Request

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at the School house in District No. 1. two public days at least before the time of holding sd meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of February in the year 1855.

[illegible] } Select
[illegible]
[illegible] }

Town Meeting March 5, 1855.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town of Eastham to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named.

Joshua Paine
Constable

Art. 1. E. C. Knowles was chosen moderator.
Art. 2. The School Committee for 1854 submitted their annual report which was accepted.
Art. 3. E. H. Collins Esq. the town's agent in the "Herbage Case", made a detailed report of the progress made in said case.
Voted that the s. Agent employ an Assistant to act jointly with himself in withdrawing the defence or prosecuting it to final judgment as they think best. A motion being made to reconsider so much of the last vote as gives the Agent authority to employ an assistant, it was voted to reconsider. No further action was taken on this article.
Art. 4. The Selectmen submitted their report of laying out a road on the petition of John Hopkins and others, which was accepted by a large majority. The 4th article was afterwards indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned.

"Cape Cod Telegraph"

"Eastham Oct. 25, 1855

To the President & Directors of the Cape Cod
Telegraph Co.

The undersigned, Selectmen
of Eastham in accordance with your
request dated Oct. 15, 1855, in accordanc
with Chap. 93 of the Statutes of the ye
ar 1849. assigned to you the privilege
to erect poles for the purpose of telegraph
lines along and by the road side in Eas
tham. Commencing at the bound betw
een Eastham and Orleans on the Cou
nty road; West side of said road to
the Town house— thence * cross the said roa
near the house of Reuben Brewer, then
on the east side of said county road, to the bou
nds of Wellfleet. The poles to be suitable
length so that the wire shall not be less
than 15 feet by the road side from the
ground. In crossing all roads the wire
shall not be less than 17 feet from the
ground. Poles are not to be put up abo
ut any dwelling house or any front
yard without the consent of the owner,

Crowell Doane
Elijah Mayo
Joshua Knowles } Selectmen"

Copy Attest. H. Doane 2d
Town Clerk

Road Survey

On the petition of Hatsel Nickerson and others for a town way to be laid out beginning where the road leading by Freeman D. Hatch's dwelling house terminates to the county road leading between the ponds - the Selectmen of the [illegible] notice to all persons interested in said road met and laid out a road as follows - Beginning at a stone post standing at the termination of the road described [illegible], thence on land of Benjamin Atwood S. 60° W. 3 rods 3 links to land of Simeon Doane - same course 1 rod 10 links to land of Freeman D. Hatch - same course 4 rods, thence on land of said Hatch S. 88° W. 50 rods to land of Rowland Doane - thence on said Doane's land N. 65° W. 58 rods 10 links to land of Hatsel Nickerson - on land of said Nickerson same course 6 rods to the road that leads between the ponds - The above road is to be two rods wide and on the north side of the above described courses. We have estimated damage sustained by the several individuals and awarded as follows =

To Simeon Doane for fence damage $3.00
F. D. Hatch land & fence for fence 16.00
Rowland Doane land & fence for fence 2.[illegible]
Benj. Atwood gives land & fence ——
Hatsel Nickerson gives land & fence $3[illegible]

We have allowed the several owners of the land so taken after acceptance by the town to take up the fences [illegible] the same.

Eastham June 1, 1855.

Freeman Doane
Elijah Mayo } Select
Joshua Knowles } men

State Election Nov. 1853

To Joshua Paine Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in elections [illegible] [illegible] on Monday the [illegible] day of November next at ten o'clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor and Lieut. Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, of the Commonwealth, also two Senators for the district of Barnstable, all on one ballot.

2d To bring in their votes for one County Commissioner for the County of Barnstable.

3d To give in their votes for Treasurer of Barnstable County.

4th To bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County.

5th To see if the town will vote to send a Representative to the General Court at their next session, if so to give in their votes for a Representative to the General Court.

You are required to notify the inhabitants of said town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the same place on the day above mentioned at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz:

1st To choose a moderator.

2d To see if the town will accept of the [illegible] [illegible] by the Selectmen [illegible] [illegible] town of the road that leads by Freeman E. Higgins.

3. To see if the town will adopt any meas-

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[illegible] to procure the Hose [illegible] belonging to this town, — to act on the subject generally and fully. By request.

4th to see if the town will vote to assist Mr. [illegible] in the [illegible] family.

5th to see if the town will vote to alter the laying out of the Sunken Meadow road so as to [illegible] the [illegible] -ted, — also to see if the town will appropriate a sufficient sum to defray the expense of [illegible] said road. By request.

6th to see if the town will vote to build a [illegible] for the [illegible] of the [illegible].

The polls will be opened at ½ past ten o'clock.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof [illegible] in said town, [illegible] seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to [illegible] at the time [illegible] of said meeting.

Given under our hands [illegible] this [illegible] day of [illegible] in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five.

Crowell Doane
Elijah E. Mayo } Select
Joshua Knowles } Men

State Election Nov 6 [illegible]

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the qualified voters brought in their votes [illegible]

For Governor

Julius Rockwell had seven votes
Henry J. Gardner thirty four "
Samuel H. Walley twenty-one "
Erasmus D. Beach seven "

Lieut. Governor

Simon Brown had seven "
[illegible] Davenport twenty one "
Henry W. Benchley thirty four "
Caleb Stetson seven "

For Attorney General

E. Rockwood Hoar seven "
Alfred H. Nelson thirty four "
Reuben A. Chapman twenty one "
Nathaniel J. Lord seven "

For Secretary of State

Geo. S. Williams had seven "
Francis De Witt thirty four "
[illegible] twenty one "
Jonathan A. Field seven "

For Treasurer & Rec. Gen.

Thomas J. Marsh seven "
Moses Tenney Jr. thirty four "
John Sargent twenty one "
[illegible] seven "

For Auditor

[illegible] "

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Christopher R. [illegible] thirty two votes
Joseph Mitchell twenty one "
Giles H. Whitney seven "

For 2 Senators.

[illegible] J. [illegible] thirty seven "
[illegible] H. [illegible] fifty "
Alfred Kenrick twenty two "
[illegible] W. [illegible] twenty one "
[illegible] H. [illegible] twenty one "
Seth F. Nye seven "
John [illegible] seven "
Sylvester Baxter thirty two "

County Commissioner

Edward W. [illegible] of Sandwich 1
David [illegible] of [illegible] 5
William Hewins of Falmouth 26

County Treasurer.

Charles F. Swift of Yarmth 21
Obed Baker of Dennis 26
Charles Sears of Yarm. 2

[illegible] Clerk.

Frederick Scudder of Barn. 31
Lothrop Davis of Barn. 3.

Voted not to send a Rep. to the General Court.

Organised a Town meeting by electing [illegible] Moderator.

Art. 2d. The report of the [illegible] a road on the petition of [illegible] and others, was submitted by the

Town Meeting. Nov. 6. 1865.

Selectmen were accepted.
[illegible] appointed by the chair to retire and nominate a suitable person to transcribe the "old records of the town of Eastham, now belonging to Orleans.

4th. Voted not to render any further aid to Warren Dill's family under their present circumstances.

The Committee to nominate a person to copy the "old records" nominated the [illegible] to be assisted by [illegible] C. [illegible] report was accepted.

Voted [illegible] the Town Clerk, H. [illegible] 2d to employ [illegible] to do the work, which was carried.

Art. 5th. Voted not to [illegible] towards making a fence on the Town [illegible] meadow road in addition to the award of the Selectmen for damages.

Art. 6. Voted to build a house for convenience in the rear of the Town house.

Adjourned.

County Commissioners' Report. Apr. 10. 1855.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for sd County holden at Barnstable on the nineteenth day of June A. D. 1855, by adjournment from the tenth day of April 1855, the petition of Scotto Cobb & others for the establishment of a Town way in the Town of Eastham (said town having refused to accept the report of the Selectmen establishing the same) was considered, and the following report made and accepted, and the Clerk was directed to furnish a copy thereof to the Selectmen.

Report

"Upon the petition of Scotto Cobb and others for a Town way in Eastham, David C. Atwood & others having within one year petitioned the Selectmen of said Eastham to lay out an open road commencing near a town road, leading by the house of Isaiah H. Gill, near a windmill, to the Sunken meadow bars, & thence to the [illegible] here, The Selectmen on the 14th day of Novr 1854 met & laid out a town road on sd petition according to their report, a copy of which is herewith annexed. and the Town of Eastham at a regular meeting holden in Novr last past, unreasonably refused to accept sd report of the Selectmen. Legal notice having been given according to an order annexed to the petition, the Commissioners met at the time & place therein named & viewed the premises & after hearing all persons & corporations interested therein who were present, adjudged that the common convenience & necessity required that the prayer of sd petition should be granted, and no objection being made, they therefore approve & allow said way as laid out by the sd Selectmen & direct the Town Clerk of said Eastham to record the sd laying out and acceptance of sd way by the Selectmen. Costs taxed at thirty dollars and fifty-five cents, which sum the County Treasurer is hereby directed & ordered to pay into the Treasury of the County of Barnstable.

The owners of lands over which said way is laid, are allowed untill the last day of April next to remove their fences or other property which they may have on the premises.

Barnstable June 19th 1855.

John [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Co. Commissioners

A true Copy of the Report of the Commissioners.
Attest
F. W. Crocker Clerk

Copy of the Report of the Selectmen, as established & confirmed by the Commissioners:—

On petition of [illegible] & others for a road to be laid out from the ~~[illegible]~~ town road [illegible] by the [illegible] hill to the [illegible] bars & from thence to the West shore, the Selectmen after giving notice to all persons interested as required, laid out a road as follows:— Beginning at a stake & stone on the West side of the road above [illegible] N. 56° W. 46 rods on land of [illegible] Higgins, passing [illegible] Higgins [illegible] to a stake & stone, thence, on lands of the abovenamed Higgins N. 32° W. 67* rods to a stake, thence on land of [illegible] 23 rods to the [illegible] bars thence N. 38° W. 100 Rods to the West shore — And we have awarded to the persons over whose lands the above road is laid the sum of ninety seven dollars (97.00) [illegible]

The above is to be 2 rods wide & on the North

* Altered [illegible] by direction of the Selectmen.

side of the abovedescribed line
Eastham November 4. 1854 —

Joshua Paine
Crowell Doane } Selectmen
Abijah Mayo

A true Copy,
Attest F. Wrocker Clerk.

A true Copy,
Attest H. Doane 2d Town Clerk

On petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Eastham to lay out a straight open road from Homans Cliff road house to the West Sea after giving notice to the parties interested the Selectmen met and laid out a Road as follows viz =:

South 71° West, 50 rods to the Sea Shore —

The above road is to be two rods wide and on the south of the above course.

The owners of the land having released all the damages for laying out said way through their land on the condition the town will vote to discontinue the one previously laid out through the beach —

The owners of the land are allowed two months to remove all incumbrances from said road after this is accepted by the town —

Eastham January 31, 1856.
Crowell Doane
Abijah Mayo } Selectmen
Joshua Knowles } Eastham

A true Copy,
Attest H. Doane 2d, Town Clerk

On a petition of Freeman C. Mayo and others inhabitants of the town of Eastham to widen the road that leads from the County Road near the dwelling house of Sarah Smith running westerly across the Swamp, the Selectmen after notifying the parties interested, met and widened the road commencing at the County road on land

of Sarah Smith. thence South 82° W. 12 rods - thence on land of Thomas Cobb Jr. S. 52° W. 4 rods - thence on land of Freeman C. Mayo [illegible] the-
nce on land of Asa Hopkins S. 82° W. 8 rods to the up-
[illegible]

The above road is to be two rods wide. and on the South of the abovesaid Course.

Expenses of the road are as follows:

To Sarah Smith	$ 2,75
Freeman C. Mayo	2,19
Thomas Cobb Jr	63
Asa Hopkins	1.25
	$[illegible]

The owners of the land are allowed two months to remove all incumbrances from said road after accepted by the town.

Crowell Doane
[illegible] Mayo
Joshua Knowles

Eastham [illegible]

A true Copy,
Attest H. Doane 2d Town Clerk

On petition of Sundry of the inhabitants of the town [illegible] of the town, the Selectmen, after notifying all parties interested [illegible] as follows viz- beginning at the south east corner of Capt Luther Hurd's front yard in Eastham thence N. [illegible] Harding [illegible] sd Harding S. 4° E. 13 rods, thence on sd Harding's land N. 1° E. 5 rods to a mark on the fence - thence on land [illegible] to a stake in the ground - thence on sd Smith's land N. 20° W. 7 rods 8 links to a mark on the fence - thence [illegible] 18 links to the corner of Abner Freeman's house yard, - thence on land of sd Freeman, same

7 rods — thence on land of Sylvanus Smith, same course, 6 rods — thence on land of Timothy Smith, same course, 10 rods 12 links to land of Prince S. Harding — thence on P. Harding's land, same course, 41 rods to land of Amos Sherman, thence on land of Amos Sherman, same course 1[illegible] rods to land of Abner Freeman — thence on land of Abner Freeman same course 3 rods to a stone, thence on A. Freeman's land N. 34° W. 6 rods 17 links to land of Benjamin Walker — thence on land of B. Walker same course 11 rods to the old road. thence same course 25 rods to the guide board —

The above road is to be two rods wide [illegible] on the East and North side of the above described line

Expenses of the road are as follows:

To Reuben Nickerson Jr.	$10.00
Henry Harding	15.00
Sylvanus Smith	30.00
Abner Freeman	20.00
Amos Sherman	25.00
Timothy Smith	12.50
Benjamin Walker	8.00
Jonathan [illegible]	30.00
Prince S. Harding	200.00
	355.00

The said Harding to furnish a road to the meadow — *

The owners of the land are allowed two years to remove all incumbrances from said road after acceptance of the town —

Chatham January 31, 1856

Cornell Doane
Abijah Mayo } Selectmen
Joshua [illegible] } Chatham

A true copy
Attest —
H. Doane 2d
Town Clerk

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* N. B. The above road was reconsidered at a legal town meeting held by adjournment Feb. 25th 1856 and rejected.

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Barnstable ss. To Joshua Paine, Constable of the town of Eastham in the County of Barnstable Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town House in said town on Monday the eleventh day of February inst. at ten o clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz=

1. to choose a moderator to preside at sd meeting

2. to choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year

3d to hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

4th to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and [illegible] the same.

5th to determine the manner of repairing the highways [illegible] the ensuing year.

6th to see what sum the town will raise for the support of the Poor the ensuing year.

7th to see what measures the town will adopt for the judicious management, use and improvement of the town [illegible]

8th to see what action the town will take on the report of the Committee and order of the Commissioners on the road that is laid out across the plains. also to [illegible] Clark for road damage.

9th to see if the town will pay [illegible] Clark's bill of [illegible] in defending a suit brought against him as [illegible]

10th to see if the town will pay the [illegible] for the improvement of the sedge ground [illegible] by the town for the last six years. By request.

11th to see if the town will provide School Books for the public schools [illegible] to act on the

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matter generally and fully as the subject may require.
By request of the School Committee

12, to see if the town will grant a sufficient sum of money to compensate the owners of Sunken Meadow field for the damage of laying out a town road through sd field.

13th, to see if the town will agree with sd owners to choose a committee to determine the [illegible] of said field.

By request.

14th to see if the town will [illegible] the price of labor on the highways and townways in the town of Eastham. By request.

15th to see if the town will allow Freeman D. Hatch ten dollars additional for land taken for a road or discontinue said road. By request.

16th to see if the town will accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen on petition of [illegible] E. Mayo and others that leads from the Co. road near Sarah Smith's dwelling house running westerly across the swamp making the same 2 rods wide.

17th to see if the town will accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Scotto Cobb and others from Heman S. Doane's house to the West shore, on condition the town will discontinue the road [illegible] through the Beach.

18th to see what [illegible] for the year 1856. By request.

19th to see what plan the town will adopt in clearing the roads of snow and repairing the same.

20th to see if the town will let the Town house to be used for a [illegible] to [illegible].

21, to see if the town will accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen from Southern Hurd's to the guide board [illegible]

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting

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of [illegible] copies thereof [illegible] at the public meeting
houses in said town, and in District No. one two public
days at least before the time set for holding s^d meeting.
Hereof fail not and [illegible] of this warrant with
[illegible] doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time
and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands at Chatham this 21st day of January in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty six.
The Polls will be open at half past 10 o'c
Chatham Jan. 21. 1856 Cromwell Doane } Selectmen
Abijah Mayo } of
Joshua Knowles } Chatham
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified
the inhabitants of Chatham to meet at the time and
place for the purposes within mentioned.
Feb. 11th 1856. Joshua [illegible] Constable.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the qualified voters
of the town of Chatham assembled at the time and place
appointed and acted thereon as follows=
Art. 1. Chose Myrick Clark Moderator.
Art. 2. H. Doane 2nd Town Clerk and Treasurer (Sworn
For Selectmen [illegible] C. [illegible], John [illegible]
Abijah Mayo — Sworn.
[illegible] of Assessors for the present year
for School Committee, [illegible], Standing [illegible]
[illegible] 1 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
set the collection of taxes at auction on condition that
the collector for the present year settle with the treasurer in
full on or before the first day of Jan. 1857, or in default
[illegible]
[illegible]

Doane was then, on motion, declared and voted collector of Taxes of Town for the present year 1856.
Art. Proceeded to ballot for a Constable, and [illegible] Doane was chosen and sworn.
A motion to choose Surveyors of Highways by the town [illegible] by nominations in each district was carried after debate, when the following officers were nominated & chosen

For Surveyors of Highways

For District No 1 James [illegible]
" " No 2 Barnabas Freeman x
" " No 3 Knowles Doane
" " No 4 John W. Higgins x
" " No 5. Ezekiel Dill

For Field Drivers

For Dist. No 1 [illegible] x
No 2. Ezekiel Doane x
No 3. [illegible]
No 4 John W. Higgins x
No 5. Abram M. Horton

Fence Viewers — Michael Collins, Joshua [illegible]
Pound Keepers — voted every field driver a pound keeper and every field driver's [illegible] a pound,
Surveyors of Lumber — Henry [illegible] Bangs
Sealer of Leather — James S. Hatch.
Sealer Weights & Measures — [illegible]
Tythingmen — Jona. Snow, H. E. Hatch, J. H. [illegible]
Art. 3rd The annual report of Selectmen & the statement of the treasurer was submitted and accepted.
Art, 4th — Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to report at the adjournment what sum of money it may be necessary to raise to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year, including Co. & State Tax.
Art. 5th A committee of [illegible] [illegible] Doane, [illegible] and Joel Snow, was chosen to take this article into consider

ation and report at the adjournment on the [illegible] economical method of repairing the Boat [illegible] and also of the town ways in general.

Art 6th Voted that the Selectmen receive proposals for boarding the town's Poor one year from the 14th of March next, and let the same all together as [illegible] in their judgment shall think best.

Art 7th Voted [illegible] provement of the town's property the present year be left with the decision of the Selectmen.

Art. 8th A motion to pay the award of the comm ittee on the [illegible] Adjourned to [illegible]

February 12th 1856

The town met according to adjournment, and took up the unfinished business.

Art. [illegible] mittee's award of damage to Mr. Cole in addition to that of the Co. Commissioners, was put and carried — a few votes in the affirmative, none in the neg

A motion to [illegible] Clark for road damage, was put and carried.

Art. [illegible] as Sch. Com^{ee} by Benj. Atwood — Voted not to pay.

Art. 10th was indefinitely postponed.

[illegible] up the 21st.

The Selectmen [illegible] then laying out a road in the South part of the [illegible]

Art. 11th [illegible] indefinitely postponed.

Art. 12th A motion to compensate the owners of the Sunken Meadow fields for alleged damages by a road [illegible] these 3 fields was put and lost.

Voted that the Selectmen confer with sd owners and agree with them in the choice of a Committee to determine the damages to said owners, whose decision is to be binding on all parties.

Art. 14th The town agreed to raise the price of labor on the town ways and clearing snow, and voted that the price of labor on the roads during the present year be 15 cents an hour per man — one half as much for a horse and that boys under 15 be paid in proportion to the amount of their labor.

Voted that the Surveyors in the several districts be authorized in cases of necessity to go into other districts for the purpose of clearing roads therein.

Art. 15th A motion to pay [illegible] $10 additional to the Selectmen's award for road damage was lost — whereupon a reconsideration being moved and carried — it was voted to allow him $10.

Art. 16th The Report of the Selectmen concerning the cost of [illegible] the Cedar Swamp road was accepted without much debate.

Art. 17th The Report of the Selectmen [illegible] the discontinuance of a portion of the Camp meeting road was also accepted —

Art. 18th previously disposed of.

Art. 20th — Voted that the letting of the Town Hall for one year from this time for a private school be left to the decision of the Selectmen.

Sometime previous to the adjournment of the meeting, the chairman of the Selectmen reported the amount of money necessary to be raised for the town expenses the ensuing year, as follows =

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[illegible]

the Selectmen [illegible]

	27 00
For the support of the Poor	3 00
Repairing Roads [illegible]	2 00
Town Debt	1 62
Incidental Expenses	4 38
State & County Tax	3 55
[illegible] of the town	1 00
Repairing the Bridge	1 00
which was accepted	$3,2 58

Adjourned to Monday 25th inst at 2 o'clock.

Adjourned Town Meeting Feb 25th 1856

Art. [illegible] relating to the alteration [illegible] was taken and discussed and voted to reconsider the action on said article which said alteration was accepted it was reconsidered and then the article was indefinitely postponed.

The Selectmen reported a list of Jurors [illegible] which was accepted, [illegible]

The School Committee for 185[illegible] [illegible] at report, which was accepted.

The Committee on the 11th inst to examine the Road [illegible] same requested an extension of time to make their report which was granted.

A motion to instruct the Selectmen to sell all the [illegible] of Grass usually sold by the town lying at the North of Great meadow River passed, 21 to 11

Art. 2 was taken up by a motion to reconsider the doings of the meeting of the 11th inst, and no further action was taken thereon.

Adjourned to Monday March 3 at 1 [illegible]

Adjd Town Meeting [illegible]

Met according to adjournment. Henry Knowles in the Chair

Art. 21.— A motion to indefinitely postpone the 21st article was made & seconded, put and carried by a vote of 21 [illegible]

The Committee chosen to examine the B. Meadow Bridge [illegible] 2 plans [illegible], one to repair it with wooden material at the estimated expense of $400— the other method recommended by the Committee was to substitute an earth bridge to extend from the present earth bridge to the upland on the South side at an estimated Cost of $300, [illegible] is.— The second plan of the Committee was then adopted, and the Selectmen were authorised to act as a superintending Committee in the Construction of said Earth or Sand bridge

A motion to reconsider the action of the town whereby it rejected Uriah Clark's bill of Cost in a suit brought against [illegible] in Atwood, was carried 18—16, then voted to pay said Clark's bill. — Adjd sine die

Town Meeting March 1, 1856

To Noah Doane Constable of the Town of Eastham
In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants
of the Town of Eastham qualified to vote in Elections &
town affairs to meet at the Town House in Eastham
on Monday the seventeenth day of this month at 1
o'clock P. M. to act on the following Articles viz
1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting
2. To see if the Town will accept of the doings of the
Selectmen in laying out a Road in District No [illegible]
as requested by [illegible] and others
3d To choose a Field driver in District No 6
4th To see if the Town will accept of the doings of
the Selectmen in widening and straightening the
Road in District No 1 as requested by [illegible]
and others
5th To see if the town will accept the doings of the
Selectmen in altering the Road from Heman S.
Dill's to the West Shore, as requested by Michael Collins
and others
6th To see if the town will accept the doings of
the Selectmen in widening and straightening the
Road in District No [illegible] as requested by [illegible]
and others
7th To see if the town will vote to pay Freeman
[illegible]
[illegible]
8th To see if the town will vote to pay [illegible]
[illegible]
by his card.
9th To see if the Town will vote for the Selectmen
to build the Earth bridge over Boat Meadow
[illegible]
[illegible]

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matters connected with the bridge

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each public meeting house in said town and at the School houses in [illegible] [illegible] public day at least before the time for holding said meeting, —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid — Given under our hand this seventh day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred fifty six [illegible] Select

Joshua Knowles } Men of Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein mentioned

[illegible] Constable

The town met agreable to the foregoing warrant and acted thereon as follows =

Art 1 Chose for Moderator [illegible]

Art 2. The Selectmen submitted their report of an [illegible] on the petition of [illegible] & others [illegible] in Dist No 2, [illegible] rejected —

Art 3d Isaiah H. Gill was nominated & chosen field driver in Dist No 5 in place of A. M. Horton excused

Art 4th The Selectmen report of laying out a road on petition of Benj [illegible] & others [illegible] on motion to accept sd way it past in the negative.

Art 6th Also the Selectmen's doings in widening & straightening the road in Dist No 1 on petition of [illegible] Smith & others was submitted & debated & the question being put, there was a call for a division of the house, which being counted there [illegible] 36 in the affirmative & 36 in the negative: wherea

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the moderator gave his vote in the affirmative. Accepted
Art. 7th Motion to pay L. D. Mayo's bill on account
of [illegible] as his [illegible] of the [illegible]
$27 — E. K. Paine's bill for the same $25 and Noah
Doane's bill of $16.50 for nonfulfillment of contract
made him in 1855 to collect the taxes for that year
were all severally rejected

Art 12 Simeon Doane's bill for $25 road damages
was disposed of by a vote of 6 yeas to 17 nays
Art. 9th Motion made to instruct the Selectmen to
cause the earth bridge voted at a former meeting
to be built [illegible] Bank, Herring River [illegible]
from the Legislature. A motion that the Se-
lectmen go on and put the old wooden bridge in
repair, for public travel, was carried.

Adjourned sine die.

Art. 5th. The Selectmen's report of an alteration of
the County [illegible] Road on petition of [illegible]
[illegible] was accepted.

Camp Meeting Road

The Selectmen of Eastham having been requested by Mi-
chael Collins and others to make an alteration in the
road leading from the Campground to the West Sh-
ore, have attended to that duty and report as follows:
Beginning at the N. W. corner of Heman S. Dill's
land, [illegible] thence running [illegible] Eleven [illegible]
[illegible] Hopkins South 78° W 51 rods to the Sea Shore, the r-
oad as altered by the Selectmen lies all on the North
of said Course, and is two rods wide — Said Dill &
Hopkins agree to give the land over which the road
lies, and the Selectmen agree to pay said Dill $1,50
for making his fence
Sixty days is (are) allowed to the owners of the land
to move all obstructions out of said road from the
time it is accepted by the Town.
Eastham March 7th 1856 } David C. Atwood
Joshua [illegible]
Making Road supposed $25 Abijah Mayo
Selectmen of Eastham

Skaket Road

The Selectmen of Eastham upon the request of
Sylvanus Smith and others to widen and strai-
ghten the road in District No 1 from the S. E. cor-
ner of Luther Hurd's front yard to the gate at the
gate at the corner of Abner Freeman's front yard,
have attended to that duty & report as follows:
Beginning at the S. E. Corner of Luther Hurd's
yard thence N. [illegible] E. as the fence now stands [illegible]
thence on Henry Harding by the fence N. 4° E. 13
rods 3 links — thence on land of said Harding,
N. 13° E. 2 rods — thence on land of Sylvanus Sm-
ith same course 5 Rods 10 links to a stone — th-
ence N. 20° W. 6 rods 19 links — thence on Henry
Harding's land, same course 6 rods 14 links — the-
nce on land of Abner Freeman same course 1 rod

4 links to said Freeman's gate—

The above road is on the

[illegible]

idea and we have agreed with the owners of the

[illegible]

age as follows:

[illegible] fifteen [illegible]

Henry Harding Eighteen dollars 18.

[illegible] Smith Thirty dollars 30.00

$ 63.00

Sixty days (are) allowed from the time the within road is accepted by the Town for the

[illegible]

Eastham March 5, 1856 S. C. Atwood, Select-

[illegible]

to Cost $5.00 Elijah Mayo Eastham

Town Meeting - June 2. 1856

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Monday the second day of June next at 2 O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles

1. to choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting -
2. To see if the town wishes to take action on the petition of ~~James H. Knowles~~ Abijah Mayo and others, praying for the widening and straightening the County Road in said town, and to see if the town wishes to take action on the petition of John H. Bangs and others, and of Barnabas Doane Jr. & others each praying for an alteration in said County road
3. To see if the town will vote to pay a bill that Crowell Doane has against the town
4. To see if the town will vote to harden the Campmeeting Road at the West Shore.
5. To see if the town will refund the money to the proprietors for Grass they have sold for a number of years past, or make such arrangements as may be satisfactory to the parties concerned

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town and at the School district No. 1. two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting. — Hereof fail not, & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21 day of May in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

David C. Atwood } Select
Joshua Knowles } Men

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named. Noah Doane Constable

The town met pursuant to the foregoing warrant, and acted thereon as follows =

Art. 1. Chose Henry Knowles Moderator

Art. 2d. A motion to indefinitely postpone the 2d Article was put and lost — 22 to 23. A motion was then made to act upon the several clauses of this article separately, which was also lost. A motion to choose a Com. of 5 to meet the Co. Commissioners, and remonstrate against the several petitions for alterations in the County Road was discussed and lost by a vote of 8 to 20. The motion to indefinitely postpone the article was then renewed, and carried.

Art. 5 taken up — and laid over to the next Annual meeting, to have action next after the election of town Officers.

Art. 3. Voted to pay Crowell Doane's bill for money paid Freeman D. Mayo, on account of a man left at his house sick of the Small pox, (which was paid [illegible] by order of the Selectmen.)

Art. 4 was indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned.

Town Meeting Sept. 29. 1856

Barnstable ss. To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in Eastham on Monday the 29th instant at 2 o'clock P. M, to act on the following

1. To choose a moderator
2. To see what the town will vote to have done in regard to James H. Knowles's tax, he having petitioned the County Commissioners for a discount on his tax.
3

3d. To see what the town will vote to have done in regard to Seth Knowles's tax, he having petitioned the County Commissioners for a discount on his tax.

4. To act fully on the above Articles, by choosing an Agent to attend the Commissioners' Court at Barnstable or instructing the Assessors and to pass all votes and do all that the meeting may think proper to have done in regard to the 2d & 3d Articles of this warrant.

5 To see what action the town will take in regard to an order of notice served on the Town Clerk by the County Commissioners in regard to widening & straightening the County Road through the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at School house in district No. 1 two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

~~Given~~ Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this 18th day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred & fifty six.

David C. Atwood Joshua Knowles Elijah [illegible] } Select men

The town met pursuant to the foregoing warrant and acted thereon as follows

Art 1. Chose John E. Bangs moderator.

Art. 2. A motion that the Assessors discount [illegible] of H. Knowles tax for 1856 was negatived. Voted that the Chairman of the board of Assessors be ag[illegible] ent to appear before the County Commissioners on the 14th day of Octob. next, and show Cause why the petition of said Knowles should not be granted, and that he employ Council and call evidence, if necessary.

Art. 3. Voted that the same course of procedure be taken with regard to Seth Knowles petition.

Art, 5th laid on the table

Adjourned.

Presidential & State Election Nov. 4. 1856

Pursuant to warrant the qualified voters met at time and place & brought in their votes as follows:

For Electors of President & Vice President of U. States—

Julius Rockwell of Pittsfield	sixty nine
Thomas Colt " "	sixty nine
Nathaniel J. Lord of Salem	six
Whiting Griswold of Greenfield	six
William Appleton of Boston	six
Chas. E. Stockbridge of Whately	six

For District No. One

1 John Vinson of Edgartown	sixty nine
Abraham H. Howland N. Bed.	six
John Baylies of New Bedford	six

For Dist. No. Two

2 Azariah B. Wheeler of No. Brig'ter	sixty nine
Jared Pratt of Middleborough	six
Henry Dimon of Fall River	six

For Dist. No. Three

3 Geo. R. Russell of W. Roxbury	sixty nine
Bradford L. Wales of Randolph	six
A B. Ely of Newton	six

For Dist. No. Four

4 Geo. Odiorne of Boston	sixty nine
Patrick Riley of Boston	six
Archelaus Wilson of Boston	six

For Dist. No Five

5 Lucius B. Marsh of Boston	sixty nine
Daniel Draper of Boston	six
Zelotes Hosmer of Cambridge	six

For Dist. No. Six

6 Geo. H. Devereaux of Salem	sixty nine
William Hammond of Marb'd	six
Henry Luscumb of Salem —	six

For Dist. No. Seven

7 James M. Usher of Medford	sixty nine
Edward Riddle of Chas^{n}	six

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7 Luther V. Bell of Charlestown six

For Dist. No. Eight

8 John Nesmith of Lowell sixty nine

Geo: C. Abbott of Lowell six

Jefferson Bancroft Lowell six

For D. No. Nine

9 Geo. W. Bentley of Worcester six

John S. C. Knowlton " sixty nine

J. W. Leland of Grafton six

For D. No. Ten

10 Charles E. Forbes of North'n sixty nine

Alonzo V. Blanchard Palmer six

John E. Marsh of Chickop. six

For D. No. Eleven

11 Franklin Ripley Greenfield sixty nine

Thomas F. Plunkett Pittsfield six

Franklin Weston of Dalton six

Whole Number Eighty-one

For Governor,

Henry J. Gardner fifty-seven

Erastus D. Beach five

George Wm. Gordon of Boston three - W. No. 65

For Lieut. Gov.r

Henry W. Benchley fifty seven

Homer Foot of Springfield two W. N. 59

For Attorney General

John H. Clifford of N. Bedford sixty three W. N. 63

~~William M. Cornell of Boston two~~

For Secretary of State

Francis De Witt of Ware fifty eight

William M. Cornell Boston two

William S. Lincoln of Worcester two W. N. 62

For Treasurer & Receiver Gen.

Moses Tenny jr. Georgetown fifty eight

John Sargent Cambridge two

State Election November 4. 1856

Geo. Foster of Lynn two — W. No. 62

For Auditor.

Chandler R. Ransom of Roxbury fifty eight

Joseph Mitchell of Boston two

Timothy Ingraham N. Bed. two — W. No 62

For Representative in Congress for D. No. 1

Robert B. Hall of Plymouth forty-five

Daniel Fisher of Edgartown three W. No 58

For Senators for Barns. Co.

John W. Atwood of Chatham fifty four

Chas. F. Swift of Yarmouth fifty-four

Henry W. Rugg of Dennis — seven

Alfred Kenrick of Orleans seven W. No. 61

For Councillor

Geo. Howland Jr. of N. Bedford fifty four

For District Attorney

Lincoln F. Brigham of N. Bed. Sixty

For Register of Probate

Joseph M. Day of Barnstable fifty five

Rufus S. Pope of Barnstable nine W. N. 64

For Register of Insolvency

Jonathan Higgins of Orleans fifty five

John P. Washburn of Barn. nine W. N. 64

For Sheriff

Charles C. Bearse of Barn. fifty five

David Bursley of Barn. Eight

Jonathan Higgins Orleans one W. N. 64

For Clerk of Courts

Frederick W. Crocker of Barn. Sixty two

For County Commissioners

To fill a vacancy { Marshall S. Underwood Dennis two
Edw. W. Ewer of Sandwich fifty four W. No. 56

Full term { James Gifford of Provn fifty four
Ziba Nickerson of Chat. two W. No. 56

For Special Commissioners

(Over)

Abijah Mayo of Eastham nine
Charles H. Nye of Dennis nine
Cyrus Weeks of Harwich fifty-three
Nathaniel Snow of Chat. fifty three
Jonathan Leonard Sand. three
Edward Hopkins Wellfleet three Note 67
For Commissioners of Insolvency (No votes cast)
Voted not to send a Representative to next Gen. Co.

Report
of the Selectmen of Eastham & Wellfleet of the Perambulation of Town lines.

Beginning at a stone monument on the easterly side of the County Road at the head of Indian Brook marked E. W. thence E. 62 rods to a pine tree marked E. W. — thence E. 101 rods to a monument marked E. W. standing on the East side of the Cross road thence E. to a stone monument standing on the beach marked E. W. thence E. into the Ocean. Then returning to the stone standing at the head of Indian Brook, and from thence westerly as the brook runs to the mouth of the same where there is a stone monument standing on the marsh on the northerly side of said brook, marked E. W. and from thence due W. across Billingsgate Island into Barnstable Bay.

Dated at Eastham
October 24. 1851

David C. Atwood
Joshua Knowles
Abijah Mayo
Selectmen of Eastham

and

Edward Hopkins
Benjamin Oliver
Robert G. Paine
Selectmen of Wellfleet.

Perambulation of Town Lines between the Town of Eastham and Orleans, in 1856.

Beginning at the mouth of Rock harbor River, thence up the middle of said river, to a stone monument, standing on the northerly side of the river marked E. O. thence N. 5° East 19 Rd. 16 links to a stone monument marked E. O. thence E. 12½° S. 20 rods to the East side of the road, to a stone monument marked E. O. thence N. 58° E. 57 rods & 11 links to a stone monument marked E. O. thence N. 56° W. 4 rods 20 links to a stone monument marked E. O. thence N. 45° E. 40 rods to a Stone monument marked E. O. standing by the edge of Boat-meadow — thence E. 9 rods to Boat meadow river — thence Southerly in the middle of said river, to the foot bridge — thence still Southerly in the Canal to a large Stone on the Easterly side of the Canal marked E. O. thence running southerly across the road, & through the Centre of the meadow and swamp, and along Jeremiah's Gutter to a stone Monument standing on the N. side of the County road marked E. O. thence across the road southerly as Jeremiah's gutter runs into the middle of Town Cove — thence down the middle of the cove to a large Stone on the middle of Stony Island marked E. O. thence E. S. E. to a monument marked E. O. on Nausett Beach — thence same Course into the Ocean.

Dated at Orleans
December 1. 1856

Alfred Kenrick
Thomas S. Snow
Jesse C. Snow
Selectmen of Orleans.

David C. Atwood
Joshua Knowles
Abijah Mayo
Selectmen of Eastham

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 9. 1857

To Noah Doane. Constable of the town of Eastham, Greeting -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Eastham on Monday the ninth day of February next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon - then and there to act on the following articles

1st. to choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

2d. to choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing, including School Committee

3d. to hear the annual report of the Selectmen and Treasurer and act thereon -

4th to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same

5th to determine the manner of supporting the Poor the ensuing year.

6th to see what the town wishes to do with the town's property, & to act fully on this article -

7 to see what method the town will adopt to provide pounds for Stray Cattle in said town, & to act fully on this article.

8. to determine the manner of repairing the highways, town ways and bridges, the ensuing year.

9th to see what rule the town will adopt to limit the time for the reconsideration of votes after they have once been passed - By request

10th to see what arrangement the town will make with the proprietors of the upland & sedge ground (held by the town) and to act on the subject generally and fully as the case may require

By Request -

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11th to see what plan the town will adopt to make it less expensive to the town for clearing the roads of snow— By request.

12th to see if the town will vote to call in all the principal and interest of the Surplus fund, and all other money that the town has the control of or take any other action upon it that the town may think proper. By request

13th to see if the town will buy a piece of land of Barnabas Doane in the old burying yard.

14th to see if the town will vote to make Simeon Doane some compensation for damage in laying out a road near Rowland Doane's

15th to see what action the town will take on any bills that may be presented against the

Fail not to make due service of this warrant by posting up said warrant in the two Meeting houses & in the South part of the town, and to return your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting, to be posted up two public days before said meeting.

The polls will be opened at ½ past 10 A.M.

Eastham January 29. 1857

David C. Atwood }
Joshua Knowles } Select-
Abijah Mayo } Men

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, & for the purposes therein named

Noah Doane Constable

The qualified voters of said town of Eastham met at time and place, pursuant to the foregoing warrant, and acted thereon as follows:

Ann. Town Meeting. Feb. 9. 1857.

Art. 1 Chose E. E. Knowles Moderator.

Art. 2. Voted to pass over all preceding articles and take up the 9th.

Art. 9. E. E. Knowles Esq. submitted a set of "By laws and Rules" for the government of the House, which, after some discussion, a committee was, by consent of the house, appointed by the Chair to take the said articles into Consideration and on the same. The chair appointed Henry Knowles, Reuben Nickerson Jr. Jona. Snow, Seymour Bangs, & Ezekiel Brown

A list of Jurors was submitted & accepted.

Art. 13. Voted that the town purchase a piece of ground in the old burying yard of Barnas Doane for the sum of five dollars.

Proceeded to the choice of Town officers.

Heman Doane 2d was elected Town Clerk & Treasurer and sworn. The moderator was then sworn agreeable to a late act.

Selectmen. Zara Higgins, Joshua Knowles
Joshua Cole (Sworn.)

Zarah Higgins requested to be excused from serving as Selectman. Voted not to excuse him.

Voted to choose a board of Assessors and John Myrick Joshua Knowles, & Benjamin Walker were chosen. Mr. Walker was excused and Abijah Mayo chosen in his room. Mr. Mayo was also excused, and Noah Doane chosen in his room for 3d Assessor.

The Comte appointed to report on the Rules submitted to the house, reported the same with amendments, which were adopted. (See page)

Art 3d The Treasurer's & Selectmen's Report of Receipts and Expenditures for 1856 was submitted, discussed, and laid on the table.

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 9. 1857.

Art. 2d. Brought in votes for School Committee & Messrs Chas. L. Harding, Ebenezer Chase and Henry Knowles were chosen.

Voted that a Comtee be appointed by the chair to select and nominate a list of all town officers remaining to be chosen — Sylvanus Smith, Joshua Paine, Jos. M. Cobb, John H. Hopkins, & Harmon Higgins, said Committee.

Art. 4th — was laid on the table.

Art. 5th. Voted that the manner of supporting the poor the ensuing year be left with the Overseers.

Art. 6th laid on the table.

Art. 7th laid on the table.

Art. 8th. a motion to refer this Article to a comte. of 5 with instructions to report at the adjournment a plan for repairing the highways, town-ways and bridges the ensuing year, was carried — and Messrs. Barnabas Freeman, Reuben Nickerson Jr, Thos. Cobb, Jr. David Higgins, Ezekiel Knowles, H. Clark & Z. Higgins were appointed.

The comte. appointed to nominate minor town officers reported as follows, which was accepted —

Surveyors of Highways — Lewis Smith, Joshua Paine, Henry Doane, John W. Higgins, Zara Higgins, —

Field Drivers & pound keepers — James Lincoln, Benj. Walker, Barnabas Freeman, John Doane, David Higgins, Josiah Linnell.

Tythingmen — Barnabas Freeman E. E. Knowles, Benj Higgins, F. D. Hatch.

Surveyors of Lumber, Henry Harding, Jot. H. Bangs.

Fence Viewers — Abiah [illegible] John [illegible]

Adj^d Town Meeting Feb. 10 1857.

Sealer of Weights & Measures — W. S. Pain

Voted to excuse Z. Higgins, sur. highways & elected A. M. Horton to that office instea

Adj^d to 10th inst. at 10 o'clk. A.M.

Feb. 10. 1857. Met according to adjournment and took up Art. 11. Voted not to let the Co. road at auction in sections, for the purpose of clearing the same of snow.

On motion, Voted that the price per hour for clearing roads of snow be 12 cents — and that surveyors employ horses for that purpose, if in their judgments they can thereby make a saving of expense to the town; and that they allow boys to work in clearing snow, provided they have, in their discretion, both the will & the ability to labor.

Art. 8th. Voted to reconsider the vote of yesterday, whereby a Committee was appointed to report a plan for repairing highways, town ways and bridges, and that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Selectmen. Remainder of the art. laid on the table.

Z. Higgins renewed his request to be excused from the service of Selectman. Voted to excuse him — then balloted for a Selectman to serve in his place, & David C. Atwood was chosen

Art. 10. Voted, — that the Town relinquish its pretended claim to the property claimed by t 77 Proprietors in Eastham

Art. 12. Voted — that the Surplus money at interest, with the exception of the bank stock, be called in within one year from this time. 52 to 26 — A motion to reconsider the above vote was lost, and the art. indef. postponed.

Adj^d Town Meeting Feb. 16. 1857.

Art. 14. A committee was appointed by the chair to confer with Simeon Doane in relation to additional compensation for road damage. Z. Higgins, Michael Collins, J. H. Nickerson, James Lincoln. Said Com^tee reported that the town pay him $15 in addition to award of the Selectmen — accepted.

J. W. Higgins was excused from serving as Sur. of Highways, & Crowell Doane substituted. Crowell Doane excused, and John Hopkins chosen substitute. J. Hopkins excused, and Barnabas K. Mayo substituted. B. K. Mayo excused, and, Nath^l. Smith substituted. Nath^l. Smith excused, and, J. W. Higgins reelected to that office.

A. H. Horton refusing to take the oath Seymour Bangs was substituted surveyor of highways in Dist. No. 5.*

Daniel Cole was chosen to have the care, and see to the safety of the Boat-meadow bridge.

Voted to set the collection of taxes at auction — bid off by Noah Doane for 8½ mills commission. Noah Doane was then chosen Collector for 1857.

Art. 4th. A committee was appointed to report at the adjournment what sums of money it is necessary to raise for defraying the expenses of the town the ensuing year. & appropriating the same. Said Com^tee was Jona. Snow, Barnabas Freeman, Barnabas Doane, A. H. Clark, & Z. Higgins.

Adjourned to 1st Monday in March at ten o'clock A. M.

S. Bangs excused & Josiah Lincoln chosen —

By-Laws and Rules

Submitted to the town of Eastham and accepted, February 9th A.D. 1857.

Section 1 — The Clerk shall call the meeting to order at the hour named in the warrant, and call for votes for a moderator.

Sec. 2 — The moderator shall preserve order and decorum — may speak to points of order in preference to other citizens — shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house, by motion regularly seconded; no business shall be in order till the question of appeal is decided,

Sec. 3d The moderator shall declare all votes, but if any citizen rises to doubt a vote, the moderator shall order a count without debate;

Sec. 4 — The Moderator shall order a poll of the house if requested to do so, by one quarter of the voters present.

Sec. 5 — The Moderator shall rise to put a question, but may read sitting.

Sec. 6 — A quorum for doing business, except to chose a moderator, shall not be less than fifteen

Sec. 7 — All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, with the unanimous consent of the house.

Sec. 8 — The Moderator shall have the right to name any voter to perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment —

Sec. 9 — When two persons rise to speak at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first.

Sec. 10 — Every person when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the Moderator — shall speak to the question, and avoid personalities.

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Sec. 11 — No person shall speak more than twice on any one question without first obtaining consent of the house — nor more than once if any voter who has not spoken desires to do so.

Sec. 12 — The Constable shall post attested copies of the warrant for Town Meetings at Henry Knowles' Store, Henry Harding's Mechanic Shop, and at A. W. Horton's Store, or some convenient places near those named in the above section — and at the usual place of posting notice of town meetings.

Sec. 13. The Assessors shall put attested copies of the State bill and valuation book at the places named in the above section, for public inspection before the list is delivered to the Collector for Collection. (Rev. Stat. Ch. 7. Sec. 44.

14 — It shall be in order for the meeting to chose a new moderator, if a two thirds vote so decide, at any time.

Sec. 15 — No by-law or rule shall be altered or suspended, unless two thirds of the voters present consent thereto.

Sec. 16 — Every question of order shall be entered by the Clerk, with the decision thereon inscribed at large on the Journal.

Sec. 17 — In case the Mod' is absent at the hour for which the meeting was adjourned, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order, the same as at the first meeting on the warrant.

Sec. 18 — In all questions not specially provided for in the above rules, the meeting will be governed by Parliamentary rules as laid down in "Cushing's Manual".

Sec. 19 — These Rules shall be inscribed by the Clerk at large on the Town Record.

Adj^{d} Ann Town Meeting. Mar. 3. 1857.

March 2^{d}. 1857.

At 10 o'clk. A. M. the meeting was called to order, and adjourned to ½ past ten, and in consequence of the thin attendance, it being a stormy morn, adjourned again to 11 o'clk.

At 11 o'clk. the meeting resumed business, and on motion to build 2 pounds, voted in the negative.

A motion to chose 2 additional field drivers in Dist. No. 1 & 2. decided in the negative.

The vote not to build 2 pounds was reconsidered and the motion to build one Pound was renewed and carried. and the Selectmen were authorised to provide a place for, and proceed to build a Town's Pound.

Art. 3^{d} On motion to accept the annual report of the Treasurer & Selectmen — voted to accept.

Art. 5. The Selectmen made a report of their examination of the B. Meadow Bridge, estimating the probable cost of repairing the same from $175 to $200 — Accepted.

Art. 4. The Committee to raise money, wished for further time to mature their report, one of the Com^{ee} being absent, & Crowell Deane was put on said Com. in place of Z. Higgins, absentee.

Art. 8th again taken up — Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to superintend the repairing of the bridge, with instructions to employ men by the day to do the work.

Adj^{d} to Thurs. 5th inst. at 1 o'clk. P. M.

March 5th 1857. At 1 o'clk. P. M. the meeting was called to order, pursuant to adjournment & resumed unfinished business.

Art. 2^{d} The Constable being chosen by nomination at a former meeting contrary, the meeting proceeded to chose a Constable by written ballot

Adjd Ann. Town Meeting March 5. 1857. in conformity to law, & Noah Crane was chosen.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorised to borrow money in anticipation of the next assessment, and that the Selectmen draw their orders accordingly.

Voted that the Comm^ee to raise money, take into consideration the subject of raising the requisite amount of money, exclusive of the item of expense for making the County Road.

Voted that the deeds past between Joshua Cole and the Selectmen of Eastham, convey to each parties certain portions of Sedge ground at Bishop's Island, be surrendered.

The Committee to raise money made report, pending which the house adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M. to act on the other warrant.

At 4 o'clk. P. M. again and took up unfinished business.

Art. 6th Voted that the Selectmen look up and sell the improvement of all the grass belonging to the town

Art. 8th again taken up. Voted that $200 be raised and assessed for repairs of highways & clearing snow, exclusive of the Co. Road, to be equally divided among the 5 districts.

The Money Committee's report was again considered, and the question being taken on each item seperately were severally accepted = Viz.

"For Winter School	$500, 00
" Summer do. with Sch. f. & Int. of Surp.	120, 00
" Poor	250, 00
" Repairing roads & clearing Snow	400, 00
" State & County Tax	355, 00
(above)	$1.623, 00

Town Meeting March 2th 1857.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Monday the second day of March next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon — then and there to act on the following Articles

1st to choose a moderator to preside in sd meeting.
2d. To see if the town will vote to accept the doings of the Selectmen in Letting the making of the County Road through the town, as ordered by the County Commissioners.
3d To pass any other vote they may think proper in regard to making said road as ordered by said Commissioners.
4th To raise money to defray the expense of making said road through the town and to act fully on all matters connected with the County road through the town,
5th to hear the report of the School Committee and act thereon.

And you directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Henry Harding's Carpenter Shop and at Henry Knowles and A. M. Horton's Store, 7 public days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding Meeting, as aforesaid.

Town Meeting March 2d 1857.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February. A.D. 1857.

David C. Atwood } Selectmen of
Joshua Knowles } Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the male inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place, and for the purposes therein named. — Isaac Doane Constable.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was organised at the appointed hour (the Ann. meeting being adjourned for that purpose) by the choice of E. E. Knowles for Moderator.

Art. 2d A motion was made that the doings of the Selectmen in selling the making of the County Road, be accepted — before the question was taken, a motion was made to lay the motion to accept with the 2d article, on the table — pending which the meeting adjourned to Thurs. next at 10 A.M.

Thursday March 5. 10' O' clock. A. M.

The moderator called to order. The unfinished business resumed which was the motion to lay the motion to accept the doings of the Selectmen in selling at auction the making of the Co. Road, with the 2d article on the table — A very warm, and lengthy debate ensued, for and against the proceedings of the Selectmen, in which Messrs. Henry Knowles, Michael Collins, & others — during which the motion was withdrawn; but the motion was again renewed and carried — 17 to 13.

Adjd Town Meeting March 5th 1857 —

Art. 4th A motion was then made that there be a tax assessed to be paid in labor for making said County Road — which being debated very warmly for about an hour, by the advocates for a labor & money tax — the question was taken and decided in the Negative.

Adjourned to 2 o'clk. for the after meeting.

The meeting came to order at the hour of adjournment, and took up the 2d Article — Voted to lay the 2d Article on the table.

Art. 5th The School Committee submitted their Annual Report (a very lengthy one) which was accepted.

Voted — on the recommendation of the School Committee — that all former votes of the town authorising Prudential Committees to select teachers for the schools, be repealed, and that the General Committee select teachers in future.

Art 3d. Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to receive proposals and contract for the making of the County road per order of the County Commissioners, to the acceptance of said Commissioners — (house divided) by a large majority — and that there be six hundred dollars (of the) assessed to defray the expense of making said Co Road for the present year — the balance in 3 yearly instalments — that the Treasurer borrow money for that purpose, and that the Selectmen draw orders accordingly — Remainder of the warrant indefinitely posponed.

Adjourned, Sine die.

Town Meeting - March 23d. 1857.

To John Deane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting=

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Monday the twenty third day of March (inst.) at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles

1st to chose a moderator to preside at sd meeting.

2d to see if the town will rescind the vote whereby the town on the 5th day of March A. D. 1857 voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to receive proposals, and contract for the working of the County Road, per order of the County Commissioners.

3d to see if the town will vote to sanction and adopt the doings of the Selectmen heretofore in letting the working & making the County road through the town of Eastham, as ordered by the County Commissioners.

4th to pass any other vote the town may think proper and expedient in relation to making said road, and the contracts therefor.

5th to raise such sums of money as the town may think proper to defray the expense of said road.

6th to see if the town will reconsider so much of the 12th Section of By-laws & Rules adopted February 9th 1857 as relates to the posting of notices of town meetings at the usual places.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Henry Knowles's Store, Henry Harding's Mechanic Shop and A. M. Horton's Store, and at the usual places.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town

Town Meeting March 23: 1857.

Clerk at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of March 1857.

Darius C. [illegible] } Selectmen
Joshua Knowles } of
Joshua Cole } Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place, & for the purposes therein named. Noah Doane, Constᵉ

The qualified voters met at time & place, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & acted thereon as follows:-

Art. 1st Chose Myrick Clark moderator of said meeting, but he refusing to serve, made choice of Jesse Collins for moderator.

Art. 2d Voted, to rescind, the vote of the meeting of the 5th inst. whereby it was voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to receive proposals and contract for the making of the County road per order of the County Commissioners.

Art. 3d Voted to reconsider & adopt the doings of the Selectmen heretofore in letting the working & making of the County road through the town of Eastham, as ordered by the County Commissioners, 47 to 25.

Art. 4th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make new contracts respecting the making of said road if they find it necessary to do so.

Art. 5th Voted that $600 - be raised the present year towards the expense of said road, and that the Treasurer be authorised to borrow to the amount of $1300 - payable in 2 & 3 years, to pay the balance.

Art. 6th was indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned sine die.

Attest - H. Doane 2d Town Clerk.

Town Meeting May 1st 1857

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting=

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town house in Eastham on Friday the first day of May next at half past One o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for or against the 1st 2d. & 3d Articles of Amendment of the Constitution.

And you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town to meet at the same place on the same day at 3 o'clk P.M. to act on the following articles—

1st. to chose a moderator for said meeting,

2d. To see if the town will vote to reconsider the vote passed at the annual town meeting in regards to State bills. and vote a less number to be made out.

3d. To see if the town will chose a Surveyor of town roads in district No. 2.

And you are ~~directed~~ to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Henry Harding's Carpenter Shop at Henry Knowles's and A. M. Horton's stores, and the usual places in said town two public days before the time of holding said meeting. — Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid—

Dated at Eastham April the eighteenth in the year one thousand eight hundred & fifty seven

David C. Atwood } Selectmen
Joshua Knowles } of
Joshua Cole } Eastham

Town Meeting May 1. 1857

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein named — Noah Doane, Constable.

The qualified voters assembled at time place and brought in their votes as follows.

For 1st } Article of Amendment Yes twenty six votes
2d } " " No four "
2d Article { Yes. twenty nine
{ No. One
3d Article { Yes. twenty eight
{ No two.

At 3 o'clk. P.M. the meeting called in the foregoing warrant was organised by the choice of Jesse Collins for moderator —

Art, 2d — A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Rules & By-Laws were adopted at the Ann. meeting was debated, put and lost.

Art 2d Voted that copies of the Stat. Bill be deposited at Henry Harding's Mechanic Shop, at Henry Knowles's Store, and a copy be kept by the chairman of the Assessors, for public inspection.

Art, 3d. Voted not to chose an additional surveyor of highways in Dist. No. 2d.

Adjourned, sine die.

County Road Record.
Commissioner's Report.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County, holden at Barnstable on the fourth day of December 1856. the following Report was submitted and accepted, and a Copy thereof ordered to be furnished to the Selectmen of the Town of Eastham.

"Upon the Petition of Abijah Mayo and others for the widening and straightening the County road in Eastham, legal notice having been given in conformity to an order annexed to the petition, the Commissioners, viz. John Doane and William Hawes, and Nathan Jenkins as Special Commissioner in lieu of David A Smith, who has resigned his office, met at the time & place therein named, and viewed the premises, and after hearing all persons and Corporations interested who were present, and objections being made, they afterwards, to wit, on the second day of September 1856 at an adjourned meeting held at the Court House in Barnstable adjudged that the common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of said petition should be granted; they therefore appointed the twenty-eighth day of October 1856, when they met, and after again hearing all the parties interested who were present, proceeded and widened and straightened said County road as follows, viz- Beginning at a stake standing in Jeremiah's Gutter, so called, on the line between the towns of Eastham & Orleans on Myrick Smith's land, and on the East side of the line ran out - thence N. 8° E. 6 R, 10 L. over land of Myrick Smith to the County road - thence the same course 4 R. 16 L. over the road to a stake - thence N. 11° W. 13 R. 7 L. over the road – thence the same course 22 R. 13 L. over land of Myrick Smith to a stake – thence N. 19° E. 10 R. over the same – thence the same course 4 R. 10 L. over the land of J. Sparrow – thence the same course 11 R. 2 L. over the line of the road – thence the same course 15 R. 10 L. over land of Richard Smith to a stake – thence N. 62° E. 33 R. 19 L. over the same – thence the same course 7 R. 15 L. over the road – thence the same course 4 R. 10 L. over land of Jabez Sparrow Jr. to a stake – thence N. 48° E. 7 R. 15 L. over land of Reuben Nickerson Jr. thence the same course 7 R. 10 L. over land of Jabez Sparrow Jr. thence the same course 30 R. 20 L. over land of John Walker – thence the same course 45 R. over land of Myrick Smith – thence N. 43 E. 50 R. 7 L. over lands of Abijah Mayo – thence the same course 17 R. 6 L. over land of James Lincoln – thence N. 39° E. 45 R. 2 L. over land of Henry K. Cobb – thence the same course 33 R. 15 L. over land of Edmund F. Knowles – thence the same course 40 R. 15 L. over land of J[illegible] K[illegible] thence the same course 2 R. 6 L. over the [illegible] to a stake – thence N. 70° E. 9 R. 1 L. over the road to a stake – thence No. 60° E. 5 R. over the same – thence No. 45½° E. 9 R. 11 L. over the [illegible] thence the same course 4 R. 8 L. over land of [illegible] Knowles thence the same course 14 R. 8 L. over land of Josiah Knowles to a stake – thence N. 40° E. 12 R. 9 Links over the same – thence the same course 5 R. [illegible] over land of William Knowles thence same course 25 R. 3 L. over the road – thence the same course 3 R. 13 L. over land of Jonathan Snow – thence N. 29 E. 2 R. 6 L. over the same – thence the same course 12 R. 16 L. over land of Lucia Sparrow – thence the same course 13 R. 6 L. over land of Asa H[illegible] Jr. – thence N. 44° E. 18 R. over the same thence the same course 29 R. 11 L. over land of Ezekiel Doane – thence N. 55° E. 15 R. 4 L. over the line of the road to a stake – thence N. 4° E. 20 R. over the road to a stake – thence N. 64° W. 41 R. 15 L. over the same to a stake – thence N. 8° W. 18 R. 19 L. over land of James H. and Seth Knowles – thence N. 5° 13 R. 11 L. over the road – thence N. 18° W. 10 R. 3 L. over the same to a stake – thence the same course 14 R. over land of Freeman D. Mayo – thence the same course 11 R. over land of Sarah Smith to a stake – thence No. 8° E. 21 R. 9 L. over the same thence the same course 7 R. 7 L. over land of Samuel Snow – thence the same course 28 R. 11 L over the line of the road to a stake – thence due N. 37 R. 6 L. over the same to a stake – thence N. 19° W. 32 R. 20 L. over the same – thence the same course 3 R. 9 L. over land of Samuel Knowles to a stake – thence N. 14° W. 19 R. 3 L. over the same – thence the same course 5 R. 19 L. over land of Timothy Mayo (Jr.) to a stake – thence N. 2° E. 37 R. over the road to a stake – thence N. 6° E. 15 R. 8 L. over the land of Thomas Cobb Jr. to a stake thence N. 9° E. 24 R. 20 L. over land of William C. Cobb – thence the same course 15 R. over land of Freeman Hatch – thence the same course 18 R. 13 L. over land of Henry Knowles – thence the same course 1 R. over land of Elisha Cobb to a stake – thence N. 13° E. 7 R. 11 L. over the same – thence the same course 16 R. 20 L. over the road to a stake – thence No. 25 W. 7 R. 3 L. over the same to a stake – thence N. 40 W. 32 R. over the road – thence N. 14 W. 3 R. 3 L. over land of Thomas Cobb Junr. thence N. 20° E. 5 R. 11 L over the same to a stake – thence the same course 4 R. 17 L. over the same – thence the same course

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21 R. over the land of Joseph M. Cole – thence the same course 12 R. over the road to a stake – thence N. 17 W. 14 R. over the road to a stake – thence N. 47 W. 60 R. 22 L. over the line of the road to a stake – thence N. 42° W. 5 R. 17 L. over land of the Methodist Society in Eastham – thence the same course 27 R. over land of Ben. Higgins – thence N. 33 W. 25 R. 3 L. over the land of Nath. Higgins to a stake – thence N. 20 W. 35 R. 3 L. over the same – thence the same course 9 R. 2 L. over the road to a stake – thence N. 24 W. 29 R. over the same to a stake – thence N. 26 W. 30 R. 17 L. over land of George Atwood & the heirs of James C. Gill to a stake – thence N. 21½ W. 32 R. 13 L. over land of Francis Krogman – thence N. 25 W. 45 R. 20 L. over land of Francis Krogman Jun. to a stake – thence N. 21 W. 21 R. 20 L. over land of John W. Higgins to a stake – thence N. 6° E. 40 R. 16 L. to a stake – thence due North 8 R. over land of Joshua Higgins – thence same course 9 R. 4 L. over the road – thence N. 2° W. 43 R. 17 L. over land of Joshua Higgins to a stake – thence N. 52 E. 20 R. 10 L. over the same to a stake at the west end of his house – thence the same course 24 R. 8 L. over the road to a town way – thence N. 36° E. 10 R. 18 L. on the line of of the road to a stake – thence N. 27° E. 29 R. over the same to a stake – thence N. 24° E. 12.8 R. 10 L. over the same to a stake – thence N. 1½ E. 54 R. 12 L. over the same to a stake – thence N. 23 E. 2 R. over the same – thence the same course 15 R. 4 L. over the land of Ezekiel Dill – thence the same course 6 R. 5 L. across a Town Road – thence the same course 38 R. 10 L. over land of Nehemiah Doane – thence the same course 9

over land of Nathan Hopkins — thence the same course 9 R. 2 L. over land of Francis Knowles and Francis Knowles Jun. thence the same course 4 R. over land of Richard F. Smith — thence the same course 36. R. over the line of the road to a stake — thence N. 31 E. 10 R. 15 L. over land of Myrick C. Horton — thence the same course 10 R. over land of Samuel H. Dill — thence the same course 11 R. 5 L. over land of Josiah Lincoln — thence the same course 9 R. over land of Elisha Cobb — thence the same course 9 R. 22 L. over land of Barnabas Horton — thence the same course 8 R. over the land of Michael Collins to a stake thence N. 25° E. 11 R. 8 L. over the line of the road to a stake — thence N. 25° E. 15 R. 18 L. over the same — thence the same course 23 R. 16 L. over land of Myrick C. Horton to a stake — thence N. 34 E. 2 R. over the same thence the same course 16 R. over land of James Brewer thence N. 40 E. 2 R. over the same — thence the same course 16 R. 13. L. over land of Joſhua Higgins, Josiah & John W. Higgins — thence the same course 8 R. over land of Timothy W. Lincoln — thence the same course 8 R. 7 L. over the line of the road to a stake standing on the line between the Towns of Eastham and Wellfleet near a stone monument.

The aforenamed Courses constitute the Easterly side of said Highway, which is laid out not leſs than fifty feet wide throughout, and between the Meeting house yard of the Methodist Society in Eastham and the Old orchard fence on Joſhua Higgins' land, said road is laid not leſs than Sixty feet in width — and between Jeremiah's Gutter and the house of Myrick Smith, the said Smith is authorised to move his fence on to the line of the new road and close that part of the old road which lies between the two points the new road being in that place a substitute for the old.

And the proprietors or occupants of the land, over which said road or Highway is laid out and widened, are allowed till the first day of May next to remove therefrom any wood, trees, timber, walls, fences and buildings — And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said land, by themselves or their agents, on the subject of damages by them sustained, by reason of laying out and widening said highway, have estimated the same as hereafter stated.

And the Town of Eastham, or the Inhabitants thereof, are hereby ordered to reduce the hills and fill the vallies so as to make the ascent and descent gradual and easy, and work the same in turnpike form thirty feet wide in the centre thereof, crowning the same one half inch to the foot in width — and harden the same eighteen feet in width in the centre thereof, and eight inches in depth, with clay, loam, or gravel, after the same is well settled and pressed down, and have the whole completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners and notify them of such completion, on or before the first day of December 1857

The damages allowed are as follows

Allowed to	Myrick Smith	$68,72
"	Samuel Sparrow	4.24
"	Richard Smith	17.43
"	Lewis Smith	1.57
"	John Sparrow	12.16
"	Reuben Nickerson Jun	3,01

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" John Walker	$12.17	
" Abijah Mayo	19.85	
" James Lincoln	6.76	
" Henry K. Cobb	18.61	
" Edmund F Knowles	41.25	
" James Rogers	23.98	
" Francis Knowles	1.38	
" Josiah Knowles	41.68	
" William Knowles	5.45	
" Jonathan Snow	7.57	
" Mrs. Lucia Sparrow	11.71	
" Asa Hopkins Jun	33.12	336.28
" Ezekiel Doane	43.75	
" Freeman D. Mayo	47.41	
" Elkanah K. Paine	36.98	
" Rebecca Kenney	17.83	
" Barnabas Freeman	2.33	
" James H & Seth Knowles	7.65	
" Sarah Smith	29.84	
" Samuel Snow	25.97	
" Samuel Knowles	39.69	
" Timothy Mayo (Jr)	1.71	
" Joshua Knowles	16.96	
" Timothy Sparrow	1.04	
" Thomas Cobb Jun	16.66	
" William C. Cobb	10.72	
" Freeman Hatch	22.65	
" Henry Knowles	24.32	
" Elisha Cobb	4.66	
" Joseph M. Cobb	14.67	
" Town of Eastham	5–00	
" Knowles Doane } " Henry Doane }	4.68	
" Priscilla Gill	1.25	

" Jesse Collins, Nathaniel
Atwood. Isaac C. Snow & heirs of (over)

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Haskel Crosby	$ 4.26	709.11
Allowed to Geo. Seabury	37. 11	
" Timothy Hatch	12. 87	
" Eldean Higgins	.70	
" Ben Higgins	5. 14	
" Elisha Mayo	12 33	
" Proprietors Meth. Parsonage House	.18	
" Andrew M. Higgins	1.74	
" Geo. & Almon Harris for C. Gill	2.83	
" Francis Krogman	5 85	
" Francis Krogman Jr.	3. 82	
" John W. Higgins	23. 40	
" Joshua Higgins	43 47	
" Lincoln F. Cobb	11 25	
" Nathan Hopkins	4. 18	
" Lorenzo D. Dill	9. 73	
" Scotto Cobb	8. 09	
" John Myrick	5. 73	
" Rachel Horton	29. 28	
" Elkanah (C.) Brackett	2. 52	
" Ezekiel Dill	9. 35	
" Francis Krogman & Francis Krogman Jun.	" 94	
" Nehemiah Doane	14. 15	955.77
" Richard F. Smith	.28	
" Isaiah H. Dill	3. 79	
" Myrick C. Horton	14. 70	
" Samuel H. Dill	1.68	
" Josiah Lincoln	7 83	
" Barnabas Horton	1. 50	
" James Brewer	17 .08	
" Joshua Josiah & John W. Higgins	2 49	
" Timothy W. Lincoln	1. 48	
" Samuel Horton	4 61	
" Michael Collins	.72	

Allowed to John Hopkins	2.76
Seth Paine	.71
Elkanah (C.) Bracken	5.43
	$1015.52

Amounting in the whole to the sum of One thousand and fifteen dollars and fifty two cents, which sums the Treasurer of the County of Barnstable is directed to pay out of the County Treasury, to the said persons respectively when they shall present to the County Treasurer a Certificate signed by the Selectmen of the Town of Eastham in which the land lies, that the land over which said highway is located has been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway;

Barnstable Decem. 4, 1856

John Doane } County Commissioners
William Hewins }
Nathan Jenkins } Special Commissioner

A true Copy of the Report
Attest – Fred.k W. Crocker, Clerk.

A True Copy
Attest, H. Doane 2d } Town Clk of Eastham

Sunken Meadow Road.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Barnstable ss. June 26. 1855

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County holden at Barnstable on the nineteenth day of June A.D. 1855 by adjournment from the tenth day of April 1855 the petition of Scotto Cobb & others for the establishment of a Town way in the Town of Eastham (said Town having refused to accept of the report of the Selectmen establishing the same) was considered, and the following report made and accepted, and the Clerk was directed to furnish a copy thereof to said Selectmen

Report.

"Upon the Petition of Scotto Cobb & others for a Town way in Eastham, David C. Atwood and others, having within one year petitioned the Selectmen of said Eastham, to lay out & open road commencing near a wind mill to the Sunken Meadow Bars, & thence to the West Shore, The Selectmen on the 4th day of November 1854. met and laid out a Town way on said petition agreeable to their report, a copy of which is hereunto annexed, and the town of Eastham, at a regular meeting holden in November last past unreasonably refused to accept said report of the Selectmen, Legal notice having been given according to an order annexed to the petition the County Commissioners met at the time & place therein named, & viewed the premises and after hearing all persons & corporations interested therein who were present adjudged that the common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of said petition shoul be granted & no objections being made, they therefore approve and allow said way as laid out by said Selectmen & direct the Town Clerk of Eastham to record the said laying out and acceptance of said way by said Selectmen. Cost taxed at thirty dollars and fifty five cents. which sum the town of Eastham is hereby directed and ordered to pay into the Treasury of the County of Barnstable.

The owners of land over which said way is laid, are allowed untill the last day of April next to remove their fences & other property which they may have on the premises.

Barnstable June 19th 1855

John Doane
Simeon Dillingham
David A. Smith } County Commissioners

A true copy
of the report of the Commissioners
Attest F. W. Crocker Clerk.

Copy of the Report of the Selectmen, established and confirmed by the Commissioners—

"On petition of David C. Atwood & others for an open road to be laid out from the Town Road leading by the house of Isaiah H. Gill near the Wind Mill, to the Sunken Meadow bars, and from thence to the West Shore, the Selectmen, after giving notice to all persons interested, met and laid out a road as follows; Beginning at a stake and stone on the West side of the road above named— thence running North 56° W. 46 rods on land of Joshua Higgins, Josiah Higgins & John W. Higgins (undivided) to a stake & stone, thence on land of the above named Higgins North 32° W. 61[*] rods to a stake thence on land of same North 80° W. 23 Rods to the Sunken Meadow Bars, thence North 38° W. 100 Rods to the West Shore.

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[*] This distance should be 67 R. & 18 links.

And we have awarded to the persons over whose land the above road is laid out the sum of ninety seven dollars & fifty cents. $97.50

The above is to be two rods wide, & on the North side of the above described line

Eastham Nov. 4th. 1854.

Joshua Paine
Crowell Doane } Selectmen
Abijah Mayo

A true copy,
Attest F. W. Crocker Clerk.

A true copy,
Attest - H. Doane 2d } Town Clerk of Eastham

State Election. Nov. 3^d^ 1857.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in Elections to meet at Town House in Eastham on Tuesday the third day of November next, at ten O'clock A. M. it being the first Tuesday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for

1st for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer & Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General of the Commonwealth and one Councillor for the 8th Councillor district, and one Senator for the Cape District — all on one ballot.

2^d^ To bring in their votes for a Representative to the General Court for District No. 3.

3^d^ To bring in their votes for one County Commissioner for the County of Barnstable.

And you are required to ~~notify & warn the~~ inhabitants of said town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the said place on the day above named, at one O. clock A. M. (P. M.) to act on the following articles viz:

1st To choose a moderator for s^d^ meeting.

2^d^ To see if the town will take any action respecting the work on the County Road as ordered by the County Commissioners, and to act on the matter generally and fully as the case may require. By request.

3^d^ To see if the town will vote to pay to Samuel Horton the amount of money that

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said town received for David Snow's grass while he was supported by the town. By request

4th - To see if the town will vote to take any further trouble to find out whether Betsey Broadway's legal settlement is in the town of [illegible]ana, and to act fully on that matter.

The polls will be opened at half past ten a.m.

And you are required to serve this warrant by putting up attested copies thereof at Henry Harding's Carpenter Shop, at Henry Knowles's Store, at A. M. Horton's Store, and at the usual places. — Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of said meeting. — Given under our hands this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven.

David C. Horton } Select-
Joshua Knowles } men of
Joshua Cole } Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein Expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named

Noah Doane. Constable.

The qualified voters in Elections & Town affairs met at the time & place named in the foregoing warrant, and brought in their votes as follows,

For Governor
Nathaniel P. Banks had [illegible] votes
Henry J. Gardner .. twenty three ..
Erasmus D. Beach .. Seven ..
For Lieut. Governor
Eliphalet Trask .. eighteen ..

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Alexander De Witt had twenty two votes
Albert Currier " seven "

For Secretary of State
Oliver Warner had seventeen votes
Benjamin L. Allen twenty three "
Jonathan E. Field " seven "

For Treasurer & Receiver Genl.
Moses Tenny Jr had seventeen votes
Timothy Ingraham " twenty three "
Charles Thompson " seven "

For State Auditor
Charles White had seventeen votes
Chandler R. Ransom twenty three "
Seymour L. Meade " seven "

For Attorney General
Stephen H. Phillips had seventeen votes
John H. Clifford " twenty-five "
Ezra Wilkinson " six "

For 1 Senator for Cape District
Charles F. Swift of Yarm. seventeen votes
Joshua C. Howes of Dennis twenty two "
Edward Hopkins of Wellfleet seven "

For 1 Councillor for Dist. No. 8.
William H. Wood of Middleb. seventeen votes
Amos Bates of Hingham twenty three "
Peter H. Pierce of Middleb. seven "

For Representative for District No. Three,
Chapman Seabury of Orleans, twenty nine
Ira Mayo of Orleans — " twelve
Nathl. Freeman of Orleans five

For 1 County Commissioner
Edward W. Ewer of Sandwich — twenty two
Jeremiah Mayo of Brewster nine
Joseph H. Sears of Brewster two

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The house came to order at ½ past one & chose Reuben Nickerson for moderator.

Art. 2d – Voted – that a Committee of three be raised to examine the County Road in connection with the County Commissioners and also the town ways, & town landing places with reference to any obstructions that may be thereon – and Barnabas Freeman, Jonathan Sherman and Heman Doane 2d were chosen for said Committee.

Art. 3d – Voted not to refund the proceeds of Mr. David Snow's grass to Saml. Holden.

Art. 4th – A motion that an agent be chosen to look further into the case of Mrs. Bowdoin with respect to her legal settlement and maintenance, with authority to employ the best lawyer in the State, if necessary – passed in the affirmative, & Merrick Clark Esq. was chosen to attend to that business.

The meeting then adjourned *sine die*.

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To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town house in said Eastham on Monday the eighth day of February next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles

1st to choose a moderator for said meeting

2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, including School Committee

3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon — also all Committees that are expected to report at sd meeting.

4th To raise money for the support of the Poor, support of Schools, Roads and Bridges and all other Expenses that are incident to the town

5th — To determine the manner of support the Poor the ensuing year

6th — To see what measures the town will take in regard to taking care of the town's property the ensuing year

7th — To see what measures the town will take in regard to repairing Roads, and clearing them of snow the ensuing year, and to act fully on this articles.

8th To see if the town will discontinue the branch of the Nausett Road from the north side of William Smith's field to the road, opposite Noah Doane's house yard or to allow a sum sufficient to pay for gates.

9th To see if the town will vote to enforce the act of 1857, relating to pasturing of Catt or other animals in the streets or ways.

10th To see if the town will order a report from the Collector, the amount of taxes, abate and the names of the persons that have ha discounts since the present Collector has been in office – Also if the town will require all abatement of taxes to be recorded by the Town Clerk.

11th To see what the town will do with the Surplus money & act generally on the Article.

12th To see if the town will vote to do any with the By Laws adopted at the last Annual meeting.

13th To act upon any bills that may be presented to the town for allowance.

14th To see if the town will vote to pay for gates on the Nausett Road leading to Nausett beach, and maintain said gates.

15th To see if the town will take any measures to find out how the Herring Case was decided between Eastham and Orleans.

The polls will be opened at half past ten o'clock A. M.

And you are ordered to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Henry Harding's Carpenter Shop, & at Henry Knowles Store and at A. M. Horton's and at the usual places in said town two public days before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return thereon to the Town Clerk at the time & place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at th

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the twenty-eighth day of January in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-Eight.

David C. Atwood } Selectmen

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time & place and for the the purposes therein named-

Eastham Jan. 28. 1858.

Noah Doane, Constable

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the town met and time & place named therein, & organised by chosing E. E. Knowles moderator for said meeting.

Laid over the 2d article, and took up the 3d article — The Report of the Selectmen & Treasurer was read and laid on the table.

A letter from J. W. Davis Esq, requesting payment of the town for damage to S. S. Smith's mail carriage on the County Road, was read and debated, and a motion to pay or settle with said Smith was put and lost. A motion to refuse said Smith's demand altogather was carried thirty-seven to twenty six,

A motion to indefinitely postpone the report of the Committee on the Co. & Town roads chosen Nov. 3, 1857, was lost, after a lengthy debate upon the legality of said Committee's doings.

One o'clock was assigned for choice of Town Officers, to which time the house adjourned.

One o'clk P. M. the house came to order

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and proceeded to the choice of Town Offi-
cers as follows -

For Town Clerk & Treas: H. Doane 2d (sworn)
Selectmen — Zara Higgins, Joshua Cole
Prince S. Harding (sworn)
Assessors — John Myrick* Reuben Nickerson Jr*
Thomas Cobb Jr.

A committee of 5 was appointed by the chair to retire and nominate a list of minor town offices, excepting surveyor of highways. A motion that one surveyor was chosen for the whole town was carried — and Noah Doane was chosen. (sworn)

A Committee of 5 was appointed by the chair to retire and nominate a list of Candidates for School Committee. Said Comee nominated Chas L. Harding for the term of 3 years, Myrick Clark for 2 years, and Reuben Nickerson Jr for 1 year: & they were accordingly chosen -

The Comee appointed to nominate minor officers reported the following list, which was accepted -

For Field drivers — John Walker Jonath
Snow* E. C. Knowles, Francis Kingman, Nehemiah Doane* sworn
For Fence Viewers — Michl. Collins* Barnab
For Pound Keeper — Thomas Cobb Jr.*
Surveyors of Lumber — Seymour Bangs, P. S. Hardi
Sealer Weights & Measures — Micah S. Paine
Tythingmen — Ben. Higgins, F. S. Hatch, E.
C. Knowles, Halsel Nickerson, sworn

Voted that John Walkers barn yard be a
Voted that the Prudential Committees select the teachers for the several schools.

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The report of the Committee on the County Road and Town Ways being called for, was submitted, and no further action taken thereon.

Art. 3d. was taken up and the report of the Selectmen was taken from the table and pending a motion to accept it, the house adjourned to tomorrow at 10' A. M.

Met according to adjournment, and adjourned for half an hour. Voted to accept the Annual report of the Selectmen that it be printed, provided the cost do not exceed $5.00 —

Two O. clock was assigned for the choice of an Assessor in place of Tho. Cobb Jr. declined, and a Constable.

The agent chosen Nov. 3d. 1857 to enquire further respecting the legal settlement of Betsey Bowdoin (alias Lombard) made a verbal report of his investigation, which was accepted —

Art. 4th A committee of 5 was appointed by the Chair to raise a sufficient sum of money to defray the expenditures of the town the ensuing year — viz. S. C. Atwood, Crowell Doane, Jesse Collins, Joshua Paine, Abijah Mayo —

Adjourned to 1 o'clock, P. M.

Came to order at 1 o'clk. & took up art 5. Voted that the whole matter of supporting the poor the ensuing year, be left with the Selectmen.

Art. 15. Questions were propounded respecting the settlement of the Herbage Case

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between Orleans & Eastham and answered by Michael Collins Esq.

Art 2. P. M. proceeded to the choice of assessor in place of Thos. Cobb Jr declined, & Barnabas Freeman was chosen.

Noah Doane was chosen Constable, the collection of taxes for 1858 was set at auction, and bid off by Noah Doane for 8½ mills per cent commission on condition that he give satisfactory bond and settle with the Treasurer on or before the 1st day of January 1859.

The Selectmen submitted a revised list of Jurors which was accepted.

Voted that Capt. J. Higgins barnyard be a towns pounds, and that field drivers impound cattle according to law in the Towns pounds.

Voted to reconsider the vote creating Jo. Higgins and John Walkers barn yards Towns pounds.

Art. 6. Left with the discretion of the Selectmen

Art 15th Reuben Nickerson Jr was chosen an agent to obtain the decision of the Supreme Court in regards to the Herbage case.

Art. 7th Voted that there be a commutation labor tax assessed for the present year, for repairing and clearing roads of snow, and that the amount raised for those purposes be $600. Voted further, that the surveyors for 1858 make his bills till the 1st day of May 1859.

Adjourned to tomorrow at 10 o'clock A.M.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and took up the 5th article, in connection

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with the 14th and a motion to indefinitely postpone the subject, with the exception of bars, was carried — the remainder of the article postponed till action is had on the 14th article.

Art. 9th was indefinitely postponed,

Art. 10th Voted that the names of all persons receiving discounts on taxes, with the amount of such discounts, be recorded by the Town Clerk.

Art. 11th Voted that the Surplus money be taken for payment of the town's expenses, the bank stock excepted; which is to remain as it is,

Art. 12, Voted to do away with the by-laws & rules adopted at the last annual meeting with the exception of the extra State bills.

Art. 13th was laid on the table,

Art. 14th A motion that the town make 7 gates for the Nauset road and maintain the same, was put & lost.

The comm. appointed to raise money, reported as follows, which was accepted.

For Winter Schools	$550.00
Summer do.	117.00
Supp. & Sch. funds	83.00
Support of Poor	300.00
State & County tax	350.00
Town Expenses	300.00
To pay Town's debt	600.00
	$2,300.00

The house then adjourned

sine die

Town Meeting March 1, 1858.

To Noah Doane, Constable of the town of Eas
tham; Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham, on Monday the first day of March next at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and ther to act on the following Articles, viz.

1st To choose a moderator to preside in sd. Meeting

2d. To hear the report of the School Committee and act thereon

3d. To see if the town will accept and allow Mr Joel Snow's bill for land taken for a road in the year 1837 near the bridge.

4th To determine if Nehemiah Doane is or is not a legally authorised field driver for district No. 5 — if not, then to chose a field driver for District No. 5.

5th To choose a field driver in place of Francis Krogman, declined to serve.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the school house in district No. 1. in sd. town two publi days at least before the time for holding said meeting — Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands, this 15th day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight

Isaac Higgins } Select
Joshua Cole } men of
Prince S. Harding } East

(Town Meeting March 1, 1858.)

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified & warned the inhabitants of sd town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, & for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane
Constable

The town met according to warrant and acted thereon as follows:

Art 1. Chose E. E. Knowles moderator.

Art 2d. Heard the Schl Committee's Report.

Art. 3d Voted that Maj. Joel Snow's bill for land damage in laying out the Bridge Road in 1837 ($9.63) be paid. A motion to reconsider the above vote prevailed, 19 to 10. The motion to allow & pay Mr. Snow's bill of $9.63, he giving receipt in full, was again made, put and lost, 19 to 22.

Art. 4th John Myrick was chosen field driver in place of Nehemiah Doane declined.

Art. 5th John Hopkins was chosen field driver for Dist. No. 4. in place of Francis Kragman, declined.

A letter was then read from Overseers of the Poor in Boston concerning Mrs. E. A. Bowdoin (alias Lombard) legal settlement. Voted, that the town of Eastham pay no more bills on account of Mrs. B. until her legal settlement be decided, and that the town will furnish to all concerned such evidence in the case, as it may be possessed of.

Adjourned

After adjournment Mr. E. Snow's clothing was sold at Auction amounting to $14.90

Town Meeting March 1. 1858.

At a legal town meeting March 1. 1858 for the purpose of acting on the warrant for said meeting viz: "To see what action the town will take in relation to an action of Tort brought against the town of Eastham by Samuel S. Smith of Wellfleet, & to act generally and fully on the subject" — Jesse Collins was chosen moderator —

Voted — to settle with S. S. Smith — and that the Selectmen be authorised to settle with said Smith by leaving the case to men or otherwise!

Adjourned *sine* die.

At a legal town meeting in Eastham April 17 1858 to chose field drivers in districts No. 4. & 5 in place of those declining to serve in that office. John Myrick was chosen field driver for D. No. 5. and John Hopkins for No. 4. Mr. Myrick took the oath required by law before me, & Mr Hopkins was subsequently sworn by E. H. [illegible] Justice of the Peace. At the above meeting E owell Doane was chosen moderator.

Attest, H. Doane 2d Tn Clk

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Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane Constable of the Town of Eastham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said on Tuesday the second day of November next, it being the 1st Tuesday of said month at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen as follows

First for a Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General, and Auditor of Accounts of the Commonwealth, and one Senator for the Cape District, one Councillor for the Eighth District, and one Representative in Congress for District No. one, all on one ballot.

2d To bring in their votes for Register of Probate and Insolvency, and for Register of Probate, County Commissioners and Register of Deeds all on one ballot.

3d To bring in their votes for a Representative in the General Court for the 3d Barnstable County Representative District.

The Polls are to be opened at said place at [illegible] o'clock in the forenoon of the above named day.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses, and at the School house in District No. one, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting — Hereof fail not, and make due

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return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty first day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Isaac Higgins } Selectmen
Joshua Cole }
Prince S. Harding } East

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane } Constable

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the qualified voters of the town met at time and place named therein, and brought in their votes as follows =

For Governor	Nathaniel P. Banks	31	votes
	Erasmus D. Beach	9	"
	Amos A. Lawrence	16	"
For Lieut. Govr.	Eliphalet Trask	31	"
	Charles Thompson	9	"
	Increase Sumner	15	"
Sec'y	Oliver Warner	31	"
	John M. Cole	9	"
	Benjamin L. Allen	15	"
Treasurer	Moses Tenney Jr	31	"
	Silas Pierce	9	"
	A. G. Underwood	15	"
Auditor	Charles White	31	"
	Seymour L. [illegible]	[illegible]	
	Chandler R. Ransom	15	"
At. Gen.	Stephen H. Phillips	31	
	Ezra Wilkinson	9	
	[illegible]	15	

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Rep. in Congress	Thomas D. Eliot of N. Bed.	42	votes
	Moses Bates Jr. of Plym.th	1	"
Senator (Cape D.)	John W. Atwood Well.	29	"
	John Kenrick, Orleans,	20	"
Councillor (8 Dist.)	Franklin Ames, Bridg.r	20	"
	John Pierce Edgartown,	1	"
Co. Treasurer	Chas. Baker 2d Dennis	27	"
	John Larkin Yarm.th	23	"
Reg. Probate & Insolvency	Jonathan Higgins Orleans	30	"
	John F. Washburn, Barns.	14	"
	Jeremiah Mayo Brew.	9	"
Jud. Probate (Insolvency)	Jonathan Higgins Orleans	24	"
Reg. Deeds	Lothrop Davis, Barns.	36	"
	Frederick Scudder Barn.e	1	"
Co. Commis.r	William Hawes Falm.th	23	"

Representative to General Court

Elijah Cobb of Brewster [illegible]	18	votes
Freeman Cummings, Brew.	13	"
Prince S. Harding, Chatham	12	"

Annual Town Meeting

To Noah Doane Constable of the Town of Eastham Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Monday the fourteenth day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

1st to choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d to choose all necessary Town Officers, including one School Committee, for the ensuing year.

3d to hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

4th to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations of the same,

5th to determine the manner of supporting the Poor the ensuing year.

6th to determine the manner of repairing the highways, town ways and bridges, and keeping the same clear of snow the year ensuing.

7th to see what measures the town will adopt for the care, protection, and improvement of all the town's property.

8th to see what measures the town will adopt in regard to the sealing of the town's Weights & Measures.

9th to take some action on any disputed bills that may be presented to the town for allowance.

10th to see what action the town will take in case law suits are commenced against the town for support of [illegible] [illegible] & Abigail Cole.

11th to hear the report of the School and other Committees, that have reports to make to the town.

February 14th A.D. 1859.

12th. To see if the town will ascertain what the records of the County Road is – also the record of the enlargement of said road, with a view to making the bounds permanent – to act on the matter fully as the case may require as to bounds or obstructions in said Road or Enlargement.

13th. to see what the town will do with the town's buildings, and legislate seperately and generally upon the using the several buildings belonging to the town.

14th. to see if the town will vote to pay those out of the town treasury for their labor who have labored on the road during the past year, which pay is asked for on the supposition that the road tax is illegally assessed, – to act generally and fully on this article. (By Request)

15th to see if the town will enlarge the Town Hall, or agree to have it enlarged, to act on the whole matter as fully as the circumstances may require.

16th. To take some action on the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen to be submitted to the town.

by request

17th. To see if the town will petition the County Commissioners to open and locate a public road from the Western terminus of the road leading from the Nausett road to the County Road near the house of L. D. Dill, to the Eastern terminus of the Camp meeting Road, near dwelling of Sinclair F. Cobb.

By Request

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the School house in District No. 1 in said town two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk

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at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid, the polls will open at half past 10 o'clock, A. M. on said day for the transaction of business.

Given under our hands this second day of February in the Year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

Zara Higgins }
Joshua Cole. } Select
Prince S. Harding } men

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the male inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein named
Eastham Feb. 8th 1859. Nath'l Doane Jr Constable.

The qualified voters of the town of Eastham met at the time and place named in said warrant and acted thereon as follows.
Article 1. Chose Reuben Nickerson Jr. Moderator.
Article 2. Chose Heman Doane 2d Town Clerk & Town Treasurer. Sworn.
At this stage of the business, Mr. [illegible] of Orleans was admitted to the floor, who represented the destitute condition of the family of [illegible], asking the town to pay a bill of $22.25 incurred for medical attendance on said family. Voted (informally) to pay said bill.
The Selectmen's & Treasurer's Annual Report was then submitted and accepted.

Adjourned to 1 O'clk. P.M.

The house came to order at 1 P.M. and chose Zara Higgins 1st Selectman, 2d do Prince S. Harding 3d do Henry Knowles. For Assessors of the Town by act. Joshua Knowles Reuben Nickerson Jr. (Sworn)

Febuary 14th A. D. 1859.

Brought in votes for one Sup. School Committee, and Reuben Nickerson Jr was chosen, and the choice of a Constable was laid on the table.

Voted that all other Town Officers be chosen by nomination. Then chose for Surveyors of Highways — for district No. 1. Lewis Smith — for district No. 2. Joshua H. Nickerson — for district No. 3. Benj. Higgins, for district No. 4. David Higgins, — for dist. No. 5. Elkanah C. Brackett — (Sworn.)

Field drivers — for dist. No. 1 Lewis Smith — for dist. No 2. Ezekiel Doane — for dist. No. 3. Henry Knowles — for dist. No. 4 David Higgins — for dist. No. 5 Benaiah H. Gill. (Sworn.)

Fence Viewers — Seth Knowles Michael Collins

Surveyors of Lumber — Seymour Bangs Prince S. Harding.

Tythingmen — William [illegible] Elijah Knowles, Philip Smith.

Sealer Weights & Measures — H. Doane 2d

Pound Keeper — Thomas Cobb Jr.

Article 4th was taken up — Voted that a committee of 5 be appointed by the chair to report what sums of money it is necessary to raise for the ensuing year and Messrs. Ephraim Smith, Jonathan Snow, Elijah E. Knowles, John W. Higgins, and O. C. Atwood, were appointed that committee.

Article 5th was laid on the table, to take up Article 4th, After discussion upon the propriety and legality of paying those persons who have worked out their road tax from the Town Treasury, this article was laid on the table.

Adjd Annual Town Meeting

Voted to hear the Sup. School Committee report, which was submitted.

Adjd to tomorrow at 10 o'clk. A. M.

Tuesday Feb. 15th Met according to adjournment, and proceeded to consider the 14th Article. Voted to indefinitely postpone it.

Article 5th — Voted that a money tax of $300 — be raised and assessed for the purpose of clearing the roads of snow the ensuing [illegible]. *The remainder of this Art. indefy. postpd.

Article 6th was left with the discretion of the Selectmen. as usual,

Article 7th — Passed over for the present,

Article 8th. Indefinitely postponed after voting to have the Treasurer [illegible] having the Town Standard weights [illegible] sealed, as the law requires.

Article 9th. A bill of #9.03 was presented by Capt. Joel Snow for road damage in the year 1837 or 8. which appears to have been awarded to him by the Selectmen, but not paid, Voted to pay said bill.

Article 10th A motion to divide this article prevailed, and so much of it as relates to Mrs. Bowden was indefinitely postponed. The case of Abigail Crie was also disposed of by indefinitely postponing the same.

Article 12th Voted — that the Surveyors be instructed to remove all obstructions existing upon the public highways.

The Committee [illegible] reported as follows, which was accepted.

For Winter Schools	350.00
" Summer do	200.00
" Support of the Poor	400.00

* [illegible] the [illegible] Surveyors.

February 15th 1859.

State and County Tax	$	300. 00
Town Expenses		300. 00
Clearing Roads of Snow		300. 00
Town Debt		200. 00
		$ 2,250. 00

The Collection of taxes for 1859 was set at auction, on condition that the lowest bidder give bond and settle with the Treasurer on or before the 1st day of Feb. 1860. Bid off by Ezekiel Brown for 8½ mills. Balloted for a Constable, and Noah Downs was chosen and sworn. Then proceeded to the choice of a Collector, E. Brown withdrawing his bid, and being released, The Collectorship being again set at auction, was bid off by Noah Downs for 1 pr. cent Commission.

Art. 13th — Voted that the prudential Committees have the selection of school teachers and care of school houses. An excited debate ensued upon the use of the Townhall which was terminated by a vote to adjourn to tomorrow at 10 o'clk. A. M.

Wednesday Feb. 16. Met according to adjournment took up the 13th Article. After a protracted debate upon the motion of E. E. Knowles to let the Town Hall to persons in town for all purposes free of rent, a motion to indefinitely postpone this article was lost. 22 to 27. A committee of 5 was then chosen by the house to retire & take the existing Rules & Regulations of the Town House into consideration, and report what alteration it is necessary to make therein. This comt. was composed of Messrs.

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Jonathan Sherman Barnabas Freeman Henry Knowles, John B. Higgins, and Michael Collins.

Adjd. to 1 O'clock P. M.

Came to order at 1 P. M. and proceeded to consider the 13th Article, which was laid on the table

Article 16th – The Selectmen submitted the list of Jurors by them prepared, which w as accepted.

Article 15th was indefinitely postponed.

Article 17th Laid on the table for the present

The decision of the Supreme Court in the "Herring Case" was submitted by H. [illegible] Jr., read and accepted.

Article 17th Indefinitely postponed.

Voted that the assessors remit the tax of Wid. Jonathan Knowles and Abijah C. Horton.

The Committee having the Town house regulations under consideration reported a new draft of Rules, which, after a very animated debate, was disposed of amid the wildest confusion of shouting of boys and clapping of hands and stamping of feet by the following vote viz: 33 voted to accept and 27 to reject said report. The following is the report.

"For every Public Auction – –	$ 2 50
" Every Exhibition or show –	2,50
" Every Religious meeting or lecture of whatever denomination –	50
" Every private political meeting –	50
" Every public political meeting –	free
" All Exhibitions without a contribution	free

February 11th 1859

For every Lyceum where a fee is taken	$0.50
" Every free Lyceum	free
" All town's business	free
" Every Justice's Court	2.00
" Every Singing School	40
" to Boys for a dance	2.00
" all Literary, Scientific or Educational purposes	free

These Rules to take effect on the second day of May next. All laws, rules or regulations respecting the Town Hall are hereby repealed on the day above mentioned.

Voted that the keeping and care of the Town Hall be provided for by the Selectmen, and also that the care of all the town's property not previously disposed of be left with them.

Adjourned Sine die.

The foregoing is a true Record.

Attest. H. Doane 2d. Town Clerk.

"Proprietors of 137 Share Propriety
vs.
Inhabitants of Eastham.
Copy of the Record.

"the Proprietors of the One hundred and thirty seven share Propriety in Orleans in the County of Barnstable Plaintiffs vs. the Inhabitants of the Town of Eastham in said County Defendents, in a plea of Land, wherein the Plaintiff's demand of the said Inhabitants of Eastham, a certain piece of lan situate in said Eastham, consisting of marsh, sedge ground and beach of about fifty acres, contained within the following bounds, Beginning at a cedar stake at high water mark by land of John Doane; thence running Northeasterly by lands of said Doane, to Boat Meadow River and then by said River Westerly, to the Baye —

Beginning again at said Cedar stake, & running thence Southerly along high water mark to the Southwest corner of beach land formerly of Spencer Hatch — then running Easterly in range of that land to Rock Harbour River — then Southerly by said Rock Harbor River to the range of lands described in the Rock Harbor Incorporation — then by that range into the Baye then running Northerly and Easterly, by the Bay to said Boat Meadow River of which the said Inhabitants unjustly disseized the Plaintiffs within twenty years last past as it is said.

"Wherefore the same Plaintiffs say that within twenty years last past they were seized of said piece of lands in their demeasne as of fee and of which the said Inhabitants disseized as aforesaid, to the damage of the said Plaintiffs as they say, the sum of two hundred dollars.

The Plaintiffs appeared and entered their said action at the May Term of this Court, A. D. 1853, and the Defendants also appeared and filed an affidavit of defence, whereupon the Case was continued to the next May Term of said Court, and at said next term, to wit May. 1854 the parties again appeared, and the Defendants filed their Answer to the Plaintiff's declarations, and the case was further continued to the May Term in the year 1855 when it was ordered to be taken to the Law Term upon an agreed statement of facts, next to be holden at Plymouth within the County of Plymouth, and for the Counties of Plymouth, Bristol, Barnstable & Dukes County on the fourth Tuesday next after the fourth Tuesday of September 1855 it being the twenty third day of October in said year.

The parties accordingly appeared at said Term, and after a full hearing of the Case, upon said Statement of facts, the Court are of opinion that the Defendants are liable to the Plaintiffs for the demanded premises.

It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court here, ~~on~~ said twenty third day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty five that the said Proprietors of the two hundred and thirty seven Share Propriety recover against the said Inhabitants of Eastham the sum of sixty four dollars and sixteen cents costs of suit in this action – and that a writ of Execution be issued therefor, togather with a writ of Possession for the aforementioned premises, which are adjudged to be the property of the said Plaintiffs –

Writ of Possession & Execution issued Dec. 11 1855.

A true Copy from the Record.
Attest – Fred^k [illegible], Clerk."

A true copy – Attest – A. Doane 2^d Town Clerk.

Town Meeting May 9. 1859.
On Amendment to Constitution.

Barnstable ss.

To John Doane Constable of the town of Eastham — Greeting –

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham, on Monday the ninth day of May next at half past 12 o'clock in the afternoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for or against the following amendment to the Constitution, "No person of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote or shall be eligible to office unless he shall have resided within the jurisdiction of the United States, for two years subsequent to his naturalization, and shall be otherwise qualified according to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, provided that this amendment shall not affect the rights which any

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person of foreign birth possessed at the time of the adoption thereof. And provided further, that it shall not affect the rights of any child of a citizen of the United States born during the temporary absense of the parent therefrom.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses, and at the school house in district No. 1 in said town, on or before the second day of May next. the polls will be opened at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

Zara Higgins
Prince S. Harding
Henry Knowles
Selectmen of Eastham.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose therein named.

Noah Doane { Constable

The qualified Inhabitants of said Town met pursuant to the above warrant and brought in their votes as follows,

For the Amendment — Eighteen

Against the Amendment — Four

Attest — Heman Doane 2d
Town Clerk.

Town Meeting May 9. 1859

Barnstable ss.

To [illegible] Constable of the town of Eastham — Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Monday the ninth day of May next at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.

1st: To chose a moderator to preside in sd meeting

2d. To see if the town will vote to pay the bill for [illegible] as prayed for by Josiah Linnell at our last annual town meeting.

3d. To see if the legal voters of the town wish to have a Liquor Agent appointed for the ensuing year — and if they vote not to have one appointed — (then)

4th To see if the town will vote to justify and sustain the Selectmen in not appointing a Liquor Agent — to act on the whole matter as the case may require.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at the School house in District No. 1. in said town two [illegible] days at least before the time for holding said meeting — Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty [illegible] day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine

Zara Higgins
Prince S. Harding } Select

Town Meeting May 7th 1859.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the town met and acted thereon as follows:

Art. 1 Chose C. E. Knowles Moderator.

Art. 2. Voted to pay Mr. Josiah Linnell's bill for medical attendance on Warren Dills children _ provided said bill does not exceed $22.25.

Art. 3. Voted, that no Liquor Agent be appointed for the year ensuing _ and that the town will justify and sustain the Selectmen in not appointing one.

Adjourned.

Town Meeting June 13. 1859.

Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Monday the thirteenth day of June inst. at three o clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles,

1st. to choose a moderator to preside in sd. meeting.

2d to see what action the town will take respecting Capt. Joseph S. Higgins demand against the town through his Attorney for the amount of his tax paid by him on the 27th day of May last under protest _ which tax he demands to be refunded.

3d. to see what action the town will take in case a law suit is commenced against the town to recover back the amount

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of tax so paid by Capt. Higgins and to act on the Article generally and fully as the circumstance in the case requires

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at the School house in District No. one in said town two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

Zoara Higgins } Sel
Prince S. Harding
Henry Knowles } of East-

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane } Constable
{ of Eastha

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the town met at the time and place, and acted thereon as follows

Art. 1. Chose Michael Collins Esq. Moderator

Art. 2^d. Voted not to refund to Capt. Joseph Higgins the amount of his tax paid to the Collector for 1858 which he demanded.

Art. 3^d Voted that one of the Selectmen, to be designated by the board, be authorised to act as agent to employ Counsel & defend the town in case of suit. Adjourned.

State Election Nov. 8. 1859.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Tuesday the eighth day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen

For a Governor, Lieutenant Governor Treasurer & Receiver General and Auditor of Accounts for the Commonwealth. and one Senator for the Cape District, One Councillor for the Eighth Councillor District. A Sheriff for the County of Barnstable and Commissioner of Insolvency and District Attorney, all on one ballot.

Also, at the same time and place, to bring in their votes for one County and two Special Commissioners for the County of Barnstable all one one ballot.

Also at the same time and place to bring in their votes for a Representative in the General Court for the Third Barnstable County Representative District.

The polls will be opened at half past ten O. clock in the forenoon of the above named day.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the School house in District Number

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One. two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

Zara Higgins } Selectmen
Prince S. Harding } of Eastham
Henry Knowles }

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane
Constable
Eastham Nov. 8. 1859

The qualified voters of the town of Eastham met pursuant to the foregoing warrant and brought in their votes as follows:-

For Governor

Nathaniel P. Banks	twenty one
Benjamin F. Butler	ten
George N. Briggs	two

For Lieut. Governor

Eliphalet Trask	twenty two
Stephen C. Bemis	nine
[illegible]	two

For Secretary of the Commonwth.

Oliver Warner	twenty two
Samuel W. Bowerman	nine
B. L. Allen	two

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For Treasurer & Receiver General

Moses Tenny	twenty two
George Dennett	nine
Charles Kimball	two

For Auditor of Accounts

Charles White	twenty two
James E. Easterbrook	nine
James W. Stone	two

For Attorney General

Stephen H. Phillips	twenty two
David H. Mason	nine
Henry Morris	two

For Councillor

Charles F. Swift, Yar.	twenty two
Obed Swain Nant.	Eleven

For District Attorney

Bayliss Sanford of Taun.	for Sht. term	twenty two
	Long	twenty two
George Marston Barn	Sht. term	Eleven
	Long	Eleven

For Senator

Marshall S. Underwood of Barn.	twenty two
John Larkin of Yarmouth	Eleven

For C. Commissioner

John W. Davis of Wellfleet	fourteen
Lothrop Davis of Barnstable	Eleven

For Special Commissioners

Joshua C. Howes of Dennis	nineteen
Daniel Paine of Truro	nineteen
William E. Boyden of Sand.	nine
James Chandler of Provn	nine

For Sheriff

Charles C. Bassett of Barn.	nine
David Bursley of Barn.	twenty five

For Commissioners of Insolvency

(over)

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Frederick W. Crocker of Barn. — nineteen
Simeon Atwood of [illegible] — nineteen
Joseph H. Sears of Brewster — nineteen
[illegible] — [illegible]
Seth P. Holway of Barnstable — ten
[illegible] Chipman of Barnstable — nine

For Representative in the General Court
for District No. Three.

Nathan Crosby of Brewster — thirty one
Elijah Cobb of Brewster — [illegible]

Adjourned.

Town Meeting Nov. 8. 1859.

Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane, Constable of the town of Eastham — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Tuesday the Eighth day of November next, at half past twelve o clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz:

1st. To chose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To see if the town will accept a public town way laid out by the Selectmen over land of Lincoln F. Cobb in the north part of the town in accordance with their Report.

3d. To see what action the town will take in regard to making or working said road.

4th. To see if the town will vote to hire a sufficient sum of money to meet the expense of said road.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting Houses and at the School house in District Number One in the said town, two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and

place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October in the year one thousand and eight hundred and fifty nine.

Zara Higgins
Prince S. Harding
Henry Knowles
} Select men of Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named.
Noah Doane
Eastham Nov. 8. 1859. Constable.

The meeting came to order at the time and place named in the above warrant, it being the day of the Annual Election, and acted thereon as follows.

Art. 1st Chose Henry Knowles moderator
Art. 2d Heard the Report of the Selectmen of the laying out a public town way in the vicinity of the Camp ground which was debated about an hour and rejected by a vote of four to nineteen. The 3d and 4th Articles were then indefinitely postponed, and the meeting adjourned.

Attest. H. Doane 2d } Town Clerk.

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Barnstable ss.

To Noah Doane Constable of the town of Eastham —— Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Monday the thirteenth day of February inst. at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz:

1st. to choose a Moderator to preside in sd meeting.

2d. to hear the Annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

3d. to choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing

4th to choose two superintending School Committee one to fill an unexpired term and one for the full term.

5th to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the year ensuing and make appropriations of the same.

6th to determine the manner of ~~repairing~~ the highway, town ways and bridges, and keeping the same clear of snow the year Ensuing.

7th to determine the manner of supporting the poor the Ensuing year.

8th to see what measures the town will adopt for the care, protection and improvement of any and all the town's property the ensuing year.

9th to take some action on the list of jurors as prepared and revised by the Selectmen to be submitted to the town for revision and acceptance

10th to take some action on any disputed bills that may be presented to the town for allowance.

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Art 11th to hear the Report of the School Committee and any other committee that have a report to make to the town.

12th to see if the town will vote to discontinue the practice of posting up attested copies of warrant for all town meetings & Elections at the Congregational Meeting House, or act on the whole matter of posting up copies of Warrants.

13th to see if the town will vote to build two new school houses and repair one of the old ones, or build three new ones of sufficient capacity to accommodate all the scholars in town to be provided with all the conveniences and requisites of [illegible] school houses [illegible] make all the necessary arrangements for carrying such a vote into effect. (By Request)

14th to see what further action the town will take in relation to the demand [illegible] of the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Boston have made on this town for payment of their bill for the support of [illegible] Bowdoin, and to act on their letter to us generally as the case requires

15th to see what action the town will take in regard to [illegible] the town [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the subject.

Hereof you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting house and at the School house in District No. One in said town, two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting. The polls will be opened at half past ten o'clock in said day.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time & place of meeting [illegible]

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 13th 1860,

Given under our hands this second day of February in the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixty

Zara Higgins } Selectmen of Eastham
Henry Knowles }

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place, & for the purposes therein named.

Noah Doane Constable.

The qualified voters of the town of Eastham met at the time and place named in the foregoing warrant, and acted thereon as follows:

Art. 1. Chose E. E. Knowles moderator.

Art. 2d The Annual Report of the Selectmen and Treasurer, of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Treasury for the year ending Feb. 1, 1860, was submitted, debated and accepted.

Art. 3d On motion, proceeded to the choice of town officers and elected Heman Doane 2d Town Clerk and Treasurer (Sworn)

Selectmen Zara Higgins, Prince S. Harding and Henry Knowles (Sworn)

Adjourned to 20 m. to one

The town came to order at time of adjournment, and chose for

Assessors John Mayrick, Joshua Paine, and Reuben Nickerson Jr. (Sworn.

Voted to set the Collection of taxes at auction on condition that the lowest bidder give satisfactory bond and settle with the treasurer on or before the first day of February A.D. 1861. Bid off by Noah Doane for 1 cent & 1 mill commission. Mr. Doane requested to be excused. Voted not to excuse him

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Voted. That the Collector be required to furnish [illegible] bondsmen to the town. Mr Doane peremptorily declined to serve, whereupon the collection of taxes was again set at auction, and bid off by Barnabas Freeman for 1 ct. and 1 mill commission. Mr. Freeman failing to obtain bondsmen - also declined, and the Collectorship being again set at auction was bid off by James Rogers for 1 cent and 1 mill commission. he presenting the names of E. E. Knowles and William F. Knowles as bondsmen, which were accepted.

Ballot for Constable, and James Rogers was chosen and sworn. Then balloting for Collector, and James Rogers was chosen & sworn.

Art 4th Chose for School Committee. Michael Collins for unexpired term, and Myrick Clark for full term.

A Com. appointed to nominate a list of town officers [illegible] reported the following list of nominees.

Surveyors of Highways - No 1. John Crosby* [illegible] - No. 2 J. A. Mayo* - No 3 Benj. Higgins - No 4 [illegible] Higgins - No 5 A. M. Horton.

Fieldrivers - No. 1 Elijah Mayo - No. 2 Josiah M. Knowles* - No. 3. Henry Doane - No 4. Crowell Doane* - No. 5 Warren Higgins.* (Bangs

Surveyors of Lumber - [illegible] Higgins [illegible] Benj. [illegible] Higgins*

Tything men - Benj. Higgins only.

Pound Keeper - Henry Doane

Sealer of Weights & Meas. J. D. Hall*

Adj^d Town Meeting Feb. 16. 1860.
Voted. that the whole matter of repairing Roads and clearing the same of Snow the ensuing year, be left with the Surveyors —

Art. 7th — The manner of supporting the poor the ensuing year, was left with the Selectmen, as usual.

Art. 8 Laid on the table.

Art 9th A list of Jurors for the year was submitted to the town by the Selectmen and accepted after striking therefrom James Rogers disqualified by being Constable and substituting Noah Doane —

Art. 10th Laid on the table.

Art. 11th Passed over.

Art. 12th Voted that attested copies of warrants for Town & Election meetings be posted only at the Methodist Meeting house and S. S. Harding's Mechanic shop.

Art. 14th Laid on the table.

Art 13th A Com. was appointed by the Chair. one from each school district — to take into consideration the subject of building & repairing schoolhouses, & districting the town.

Art. 15. A Com. was appointed by the chair to report on the expediency of districting the town. viz. Lewis Smith — Joshua Cole. Henry Knowles — Crowell Doane — & Zara Higgins.
A motion to reconsider the vote to refer the 15th article to a com. prevailed — and then voted that the Com. under the 13th article consider and report upon the whole matter of building and districting.

Adj^d to Thursday at 10 o'ck a.m.

Met according to adjournment and took up the 11th art. and laid it again on the table.

Adj^d Town Meeting Feb. 16. 1868

Art. 2. Chose Ben. Higgins Tythingman and Freeman D. Hatch Surveyor of highways and the poor and keeper in place of Henry Freeman declined

Art. 12th. The Com. appointed on the 12th inst. to consider and report upon the subject of building School houses and districting the town, made a report recommending the following alterations in the districts" 2 annex [illegible] No. 3 to No. 2 the following families to wit Edward Clark, James S. Hatch & Myrick Clark and [illegible] No. 4 & 5 [illegible] 3 the following families to wit: [illegible] ith, Samuel Nickerson, Carmi Higgins and Mehitable Phillips. And on this plan to build one new Schoolhouse only for what is now No. 4 and 5. and let all the others remain as they are as regards location".

Voted to accept so much of the above report as relates to throwing the town into four districts.

Art. 14. Voted that the town back up Boston against the [illegible] of the Bailey Bounties.

Art. 10. Voted not to refund to [illegible] Higgins [illegible] the poll tax set to him for each year he paid [illegible] in Chatham.

Art. 5th A Com. Consisting of Reuben Nickerson jr. [illegible] Edward [illegible] and Heman Collins, to report such sums of money as may be thought necessary to raise to defray the current expenses of the town.

~~Voted to take up~~ the 13th Article was then indefinitely postponed.

Voted to take the 15th Article. A motion was then made to reconsider the vote to accept

Adjd from Meeting Feb. 16. 1860 the Committee report of 4 Districts which was carried and, then voted to indefinitely postpone the 13th article (after deliberating upon the subject of this art. from 10 A.M. to about 3 P.M.)

Art 8th Voted that the several school houses be under the supervision of the Prudential Committees: that the Selectmen cause the Town Hall to be painted and that all other town property be kept in the care of the Selectmen.

Adjd to Monday 20th inst at 1 P.M.

Feb. 20th 1860

Met according to adjournment and chose Elkanah C. Brackett for Surveyor in Dist No. 5 in place of A. M. Horton, declined, (Sworn) Chose Joshua Paine Fence Viewer in place of Benj. Walker, declined.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the 16th inst. to report what sums of money it is necessary to raise for expenses of the ensuing year, reported the following which was accepted.

To Winter Schools	$550.00
" Summer do	107.00
" Poor	400.00
" State & County Tax	400.00
" Clearing Snow	300.00
" Incidental Expenses	243.00
	$2.00.00

Voted that there be assessed a labor tax of $300 to be expended in ordinary repairs on the public roads.

Reconsidered the vote of the 16th inst. to "back up Boſton against Dana, in

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case of a suit on account of one Betsey Bardin.

Reconsidered the vote of the 16th inst "not to refund to Benjamin Atwood the poll tax assessed upon him in Eastham when he resided in Chatham" & a vote to refund to him the poll tax for each year he was assessed a poll tax in Chatham, when he paid a poll tax in Eastham.

Adjourned sine die.

Town Meeting March 5. 1860

Barnstable ss.

To James H. Rogers Constable
of the Town of Eastham — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections & in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham, on Monday the fifth day of March next, at ten o'clk in the forenoon then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

1st. to choose a moderator to preside in sd meeting.

2d. to see if the town will vote to put the town into four (School) districts.

3d. to see if the town will vote to build a new school house in the fourth district as may be needed.

4th to raise such a sum of money as may be necessary to build the aforesaid Schoolhouse and furnish with the necessary furniture and fixtures for the same.

5th to make such disposition of the old sch

otherwise in Districts No. 4 and 5 as the town may think proper. — All by request
6th To see if the town will vote to prohibit dancing in the Town Hall — By request

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Methodist Meetinghouse and at Prince S. Harding's Mechanic Shop in said town, two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting. The business of said meeting will commence at half past ten o'clock on said day.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of February in the Year One Thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Zara Higgins
Prince S. Harding } Select
Henry Knowles

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town of Eastham, qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned.

Eastham
March 5. 1860 } James Rogers Constable

The qualified Voters of the town met according to the foregoing warrant and acted thereon as follows;
Art. 1 Chose Henry Knowles Moderator
Art. 2. On motion, Voted to put the town into four School Districts, and ch-

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[illegible] Hopper, Michael Collins, Jonas D. H-
iggins, Barnabas Doane Jr. Ezekiel Dou-
[illegible] Jonathan Freeman for that service
with instructions to make report at the next
Heard the Annual Report of the Super-
intending School Committee
Reconsidered the vote creating the above
named gentlemen a Committee to dis-
trict the town, and then chose F. D. Ha-
[illegible] as a substitute for Barnabas Doane
Jr. who was absent.

Adjd to 1 o'clk P.M.

The house came to order at 1 P.M. and
heard the report of the districting Com-
mittee, which [illegible] as follows: [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] families viz: Edward C. Clark
[illegible] Clark [illegible]
[illegible] Weeks.
Voted to [illegible] a school
house in the new district No. 4, & that the
Town purchase an acre of land for site
of said house and play ground, and also
that the Selectmen act as a building
committee, to superintend the building
thereof. Voted further that the Selectmen,
after hearing the parties interested
select the location of sd house as near the
centre of the population as may be, without
regard to territorial boundaries; and
[illegible] the building [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Art. 4th Voted to raise the sum of Eight hundred Dollars ($800) to defray the expenses of building and furnishing the same, provided it be necessary to expend so much for that purpose.

The above vote being doubted, the house was divided, which being counted there was a vote of 36 in the affirmative and 34 in the negative.

Voted that the Building Committee furnish such seats and desks as they shall think proper.

Art. 5th Voted that the old Schoolhouses be sold at auction to the highest bidder

Art. 6th A motion to prohibit dancing in the Town Hall was negatived, 11 to 23.

Adjourned, Sine die.

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Barnstable ss.

To James Rogers, Constable of the town
of Eastham Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote for Senators and Representatives in the General Court, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the seventh day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen on the following Articles of Amendment to the Constitution — the whole on one ballot Yes or No

First article of Amendment.

Any vacancy in the Senate shall be filled by election by the people of the unrepresented district upon the order of a majority of Senators elected

Second article of Amendment

In case of a vacancy in the Council from a failure of Election or otherwise, the Senate and house of representatives shall, by concurrent vote, choose some eligible person from the people of the district wherein such vacancy occurs, to fill that office. If such vacancy should happen when the Legislature is not in session, the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council may fill the same by the appointment of some eligible person

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Methodist Meeting house and at Prince S. Harding's mechanic shop in said town, two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting. The polls will be open at half past two o'clock P. M. of said day.

Constitutional Amendments May 7. 1860.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twentieth day of April in the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Zara Higgins } Selectmen
Prince S. Harding } of
Henry Knowles } Eastham

Eastham April 30. 1860. Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified the inhabitants of said town of Eastham, qualified as directed, to meet at the time and place & for said purposes.

James Rogers – Constable.

The qualified voters assembled pursuant to the foregoing warrant (a very thin meeting) and brought in votes as follows.

First Article of Amendment
Yes – Four
No – None

Second Article of Amendment.
Yes Three.
No – One.

Adjourned.

True copy
Attest – H. Doane 2d Town Clerk

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Barnstable ss.

To James Rogers Constable of the town of Eastham Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall in Eastham on Tuesday the sixth day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen as follows For two Electors at Large and eleven Electors for President and Vice President of the United States for the eleven Congressional Districts to which this Commonwealth is now entitled, all on one ballot.

Also at the same time and place to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer & Receiver General, Attorney General & Auditor of Accounts of the Commonwealth – One Representative in the Congress of the United States for District No. One – One Councillor for the Eighth Council District and one Senator for the Cape District – one County Commissioner for the County of Barnstable – and one Representative in the General Court for the Third Barnstable County Representative District – all one one ballot. Votes will be received open or in sealed envelopes at the option of each voter. The polls will be opened at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon on the above named day.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Methodist Meeting House and at [illegible] & Cummings [illegible] Shop [illegible] days at least before the time for holding said meeting – Hereof fail not, and

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make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of October in the year One thousand and sixty.

Zara Higgins
Prince S. Harding
Henry Knowles
Selectmen of the town of Eastham

Eastham Nov. 2, 1860. Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified the inhabitants of said town of Eastham, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned

James Rogers Constable.

The qualified voters of the town of Eastham assembled at the time & place required in the foregoing warrant and brought in their votes as follows

For Presidential Electors.

At Large	Levi Lincoln of Worcester	fifteen
	Marshall P. Wilder of Dorchester	fifteen
	George Morey of Boston	sixty six
	Reuben A. Chapman of Springfield	sixty six
	Chester W. Chapin of Springfield	six
	Eben Sutton of Danvers	six
Dist. No. 1	Joseph Grinnell of New Bed.	fifteen
	Alfred Macy of Nantucket	sixty six
	S. B. Phinney of Barnstable	six
Dist. No. 2	Benjamin Hobart of Abington	fifteen
	James H. Mitchell of E. Bridgewater	sixty six
	Phineas W. Leland of Fall River	six
Dist No 3	Henry S. Mansfield of Blackstone	fifteen
	John M. Forbes of Milton	sixty six
	Roswell Gleason of Dorchester	six
Dist. No. 4	Benjamin M. Hunt of Roxbury	fifteen
	Charles H. Hale of Boston	sixty six
	Benjamin F. Hallett of Boston	six

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Dist No 5	J. Thomas Stephenson of Boston	fifteen
	Peleg W. Chandler of Boston	sixty six
	George W. Parmenter of Boston	six
Dist No. 6	Nathaniel Silsbee of Salem	fifteen
	John G. Whittier of Amesbury	sixty six
	Henry Durant of Lynn	six
Dist No 7	A. G. White of Lawrence	fifteen
	George W. Cochrane of Methuen	sixty six
	Richd. Frothingham jr of Charlesn	six
Dist No 8	[illegible] Richardson of Lowell	fifteen
	John Nesmith of Lowell	sixty six
	Peter Haggerty of Lowell	six
Dist No 9	John S. Thurston Lancaster	fifteen
	Amasa Walker of N. Brookfd	sixty six
	John Spurr of Charlton	six
D. No 10	Osmyn Baker of Northampn	fifteen
	Charles Field of Athol	sixty six
D. No 11	William G. Bates of Westfield	fifteen
	Charles Mattoon of Greenfield	sixty-four
	Reuben Noble of Westfield	six

For Governor

John A. Andrew of Boston	sixty one
Amos A. Lawrence of Brookline	twenty one
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell	six

For Lieut. Governor

David N. Carpenter of Greenfield	Six~~ty~~
John Z. Goodrich of Stockbridge	sixty one
George Marston of Barnstable	twenty one

For Secretary of State

Oliver Warner of Northampton	sixty one
[illegible] Parsons of Brookline	twenty one
Wm. W. Comstock of Middleboro	six

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For Treasurer

Samuel A. Eliot of Cambridge	twenty one
Henry K. Oliver of Lawrence	Sixty-one
George Bennett of Boston	Six

J. Hen For Auditor

J. Henry Hill of Worcester	twenty one
Levi Reed of So. Abington	Sixty one
J. W. Mansur of Fitchburg	Six

For Attorney General

Dwight Foster of Worcester	Sixty one
Henry Morris of Springfield	twenty one
George W. Warren Charlestown	Six

For Representative in Congress, ... (No. 1 Dist.

Thomas D. Eliot of New Bedford	Sixty one
Daniel Fisher of Edgartown	twenty one
Fred^k C. Sandford of Nantucket	five

For Senator. — Cape District

Nathan Crosby of Brewster	twenty seven
Marshall S. Underwood of Dennis	Sixty one

For Councillor for 8th Coun. District

Thomas Robinson of Tisbury	Eighteen
Eleazer C. Sherman of Plym^th	Sixty one
P. H. Pierce of Middleboro	Six

For County Commissioner

W. E. Boyden of Sandwich	twenty seven
Erasmus Gould of Falmouth	Sixty one

For Representative in Gen. Court for District No. 3.

Jesse C. Snow of Orleans	sixty five
Abijah Mayo of Eastham	Seventeen
P. S. Harding of Eastham	Four

On comparing the votes of the District for Representative to the Gen. Court, Jesse C. Snow of Orleans was found to be elected.

Attest H. Doane 2d Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting Feb. 11. 1861

To James Rogers. Constable of the Town of Eastham — Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Monday the eleventh day of February next, at ten o'clk. in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles. viz:

1st to chose a moderator to preside in sd. meeting

2d. to hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and take some action thereon.

3d. to choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, including one Superintending School Committee for the full term.

4th to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

5th to determine the manner of repairing the highway town ways and bridges and keeping the same clear of Snow the year ensuing.

6th to determine the manner of supporting the Poor the ensuing year.

7th to see what measures the town will adopt for the care, protection and improvement of of all the town's property the year ensuing.

8th to take some action on disputed bills should any be presented to the town for allowance.

9th to hear the report of the School Committee or any other Comee. that may have a report to make

10th to take some action on the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen and now submitted to the town for revision & acceptance

11th to see if the town will vote to district the

the town geographically into four or more or less School districts as the town think proper.

12th to see if the town will build a School House in District No. one. - By request

13th to see if the town will vote to build a wood house, cistern, and other outbuildings (for Schl' house) in Dist. No. two.

14th to see if the town will vote to pay Josiah Linnell of Orleans the bill for medical attendance on Warren Pill's children & wife.

15th to see if the town will vote for the Prudential School Committee to engage the School teachers.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Methodist Meeting House and, at Prince S. Harding's mechanic shop in the said town, two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting. - Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

The Polls will be opened at half past 10 o'clock A.M.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of January in the year One thousand eight hundred and Sixty-one.

Zara Higgins } Selectmen
Prince S. Harding } of
Henry Knowles } Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified the inhabitants of said town of Eastham qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named.

James Rogers Constable.

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the qualified voters of the town of Eastham assembled in their Town Hall. The Clerk called to order at the hour appointed and said — Gentlemen, how little thought any of us on the day of our late Presidential election, that when we next assembled in this house, it would be in the midst of revolution and the breaking up of our great American Family: But so it is; and the prayer of every patriotic heart truly should be God Save our Country!

Art. 1. Chose Jesse Collins Esq. Moderator.
Art. 2d. The Selectmen's Report for the year ending Feb. 1. 1861, was submitted and laid on the table, and proceeded to
Art. 3d — Voted to go into Committee of the whole for the purpose of nominating town officers. The following nominations were then made and the Committee rose and reported for Town Clerk and Treasurer ___ Selectmen ___
On motion, Voted that Joseph M. Cobb's tax and Harding Myrick's tax to the amount of $1 be abated by the assessors.
Adjourned to 1 o'clk. P.M.
Came to order at 1 P.M. and proceeded to ballot for Town Officers, and chose for
Town Clerk & Treasurer — Heman Doane 2d —
Selectmen & Overseers of Poor. Zara Higgins, Prince S. Harding, Jonathan Snow,
Assessors — John Myrick, Jonathan Snow, Hen [illegible]
School Committee for 3 years. Carmi Higgins
Voted to lay over the election of Constable and

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Collector of Taxes till the money is raised &c.
Chose a Committee of 5 to retire and nominate a list of officers remaining to be chosen.
Voted to raise a labor tax of $300 — to be worked in repairs on Town & County Roads, & that the price of labor per hour be 15 cents instead of 12 — and that a horse and cart have 10 cents, instead of 8 as formerly.
The committee on nominations reported the following list, which was accepted.

For Surveyors of Highways,
John Hopkins, Elkanah C. Brackett, Ben Higgins, Joshua W. Nickerson, James Rogers, ~~Benjamin Walker~~, Jonathan Sherman, Lewis Smith

For Field Drivers
Crowell Doane, Elkanah C. Brackett, Ben Higgins, Benjamin Walker, Seth Paine, Jonathan Sherman.

Fence Viewers
John Munick, Joshua Cole

Tythingmen
Ben Higgins, F. D. Hatch, Hatsel Nickerson

Surveyors of Lumber
John H. Bangs, Henry H. Harding;
Pound Keeper — Ben Higgins
Sealer Weights & Measures. F. D. Hatch.

Adjourned to 12th inst at 10 o'clk A.M.
Met according to adjournment & took up Art 5th — Voted, that the ~~expense~~ for clearing roads of snow be drawn from the Town Treasury, and that the price of labor be as usual, 12 cents per hour.
Art. 6th Voted — that the Overseers of the Poor be instructed to contract for boarding the Poor —

the ensuing year, without advertising for sealed proposals as usual, and that they in selecting have regard to their wishes & comfort.

Art. 7. Voted that the Selectmen have the superintendence of the Town Hall under the existing Rules and Regulations for the same.

Reconsidered the above vote, and voted that the Selectmen have the care and oversight of all the town's property, with the exception of the Town Hall.

Voted that the Selectmen settle Benjamin Atwood's claim against the Town.

Voted that the present Keeper, Thomas Colt, have the entire care and oversight of the Town Hall the ensuing year* and that he account to the Town Treasurer for all dues to the town for use thereof.

Art. 9. The School Committee read their report, which was accepted.

Art. 12. A motion to build a Schoolhouse in District No. 1 was made, debated, put and carried and the Selectmen were chosen a Superintending Building Committee to carry this vote into effect; that the old School house in said district be sold to the highest bidder after the new one is finished.

Art. 10. The list of Jurors for 1861 was submitted by the Selectmen, and accepted.

Voted to exonerate the Selectmen for the non inforcement of the Prohibitory Liquor Agency the present year.

Art. 11. Chose a Com. of 4 viz: Michael Collins, Josiah [illegible], [illegible] and Noah Crane, to define the several School district lines by proper metes & bounds.

* under existing Rules & Regulations.

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Voted the Selectmen have the new Schl. house built by contract or otherwise, as they may think best.

Art. 14. A Committee of 3 was appointed by the Chair to retire and report to the meeting what sums of money it is necessary to raise for the expense of the present year.

Art. 13. Voted that the prudential Committee build a cistern and building asked for in the warrant for Schl. house No. 2.

Art. 12. Voted to buy [illegible] new place for site of the new Schl. house in Dist. No. 1

Art. 14. Indefinitely postponed.

The Com. to raise money reported the following, which was debated and accepted.

For Winter Schools — —	$550 —
" Summer do. with	
" Schl. fund and dividends —	200 —
" Support of Poor — —	400 —
" St. & County Tax — —	300 —
" Cleaning Snow — —	200 —
" Incidental Expenses —	250 —
" School House — — —	900 —

The Selectmen's Report was taken up from the table and accepted.

Art. 15. The prudential were authorised to engage the teachers for the several schools.

B. Higgins was excused from serving as Pound keeper & Thomas Cobb substituted. Also Benj. Walker was excused as field driver & Jona. Freeman substituted.

The Collection of taxes for 1861 was set at auction & bid off by Joshua Paine Jr. 9 mills on the dollar on condition that

School Districts' Lines —

he give satisfactory bond and settle with the Treasurer on or before the first day of February 1862. or in default forfeit his premium. Then brought in votes for Constable and Joshua Paine was chosen.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Districting Report.

The Committee to whom was referred the districting of the town, report the following lines for four districts.

1st. Commencing at the S. W. corner of Sylvanus Doane's house yard, thence E. to the sea — thence from said yard S. 70° W. to the N. E. corner of the Methodist Cemetary — thence N. 75° W. to the Wellfleet Bay, leaving said Sylvanus Doane in the No. 4 district and Mehitable Phillips, Samuel Nickerson & Carmi Higgins in the No. 3 district.

2d line commences at the S. E. corner of Barnabas Doane Jr's Shop — thence S. 87° E. to the Nauset Cove — thence from said Shop No. 70° W. to the Wellfleet Bay, leaving Timothy [illegible] [illegible] in No 2 also Myrick Clark & [illegible] C. Clark. and leaving Barnabas Doane Jr's house, [illegible] [illegible] and Harding Myrick's in No. 3 district.

3d line Commencing at a large rock in the No. W. corner of Edmund Knowles' field at the S. of his house, thence S 64° E. into the Town Cove — thence from said rock N. 64° W. into the Wellfleet Bay. leaving Edmund Knowles & Daniel Cole in Dist. No 2 & Henry Cole & the house of [illegible] Joel Snow in Dist No 1 —

March 5. 1861

Done at Eastham

[illegible] Cole
[illegible] Doane
Jonathan [illegible]
} Committee

Town Meeting May 27. 1861

Barnstable ss.

To Joshua Paine Constable of the Town of Eastham — Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Monday the twenty seventh day of May inst. at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles namely:

1st to choose a moderator to preside in s. meeting,

2d to see what method the town will adopt to encourage men to enlist in the army or navy to help put down treason now existing in the United States and act fully on the article.

3d to see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the help of suppressing said treason, and choose a committee to manage the same, and act generally and fully on this article — all by Request.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Meth. meeting house and one at Prince S. Harding's Mechanics Shop in said Eastham seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time & place of meeting as afore^d. Given under our hands this fifteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred & sixty one.

Zara Higgins
Prince S. Harding
Jonathan Snow
} Selectmen of Eastham

Town Meeting May 27th 1861

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within named. J. Paine, Constable

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the qualified voters of the town (a thin meeting) assembled in their Hall and acted thereon as follows:

Art. 1. Chose for Moderator Barnabas Doane.

Art. 2d. A motion being made to do something to encourage young men to enlist in the army or navy, the Town Clerk addressed the meeting in a written speech on the negative side of the above question. The 2d article was then indefinitely postponed. A motion to reconsider the vote as to said postpone, was lost.

Art. 3d. was also indefinitely postponed, and the meeting adjourned without day.

Thus ended our effort to aid in "putting down Treason" by carrying on a "fratricidal war" in these once United, but now Dis-United States, in the year of Grace Eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

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Barnstable ss.

To Joshua Paine, Constable of the town of Eastham — Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in Eastham on Tuesday the fifth day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the 1st Monday of said month, at ten O clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, open or in Sealed Envelopes, at the option of each voter, to wit; —

For a Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, One Councillor for the Eighth Council District, and one Senator for the Cape District — all on one ballot,

× Also, at the same time and place to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Clerk of the Courts, a Register of Deeds, a County Treasurer, and one County Commissioner for the County of Barnstable, and one Representative in the General Court for the Third Representative District, — all on one ballot.

The polls will be opened at half past ten o clock in the forenoon, on the abovenamed day,

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up two attested copies thereof, one at the Methodist Meeting House, and one at Francis H. Harding's Mechanic shop in said Eastham two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return

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of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as afores^d.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of October in the Year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

Zara Higgins } Selectmen
Prince S. Harding } of
Jonathan Snow } Eastham

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein named,

J. Paine, Constable.

The qualified voters of the town of Eastham assembled at the time and place according to the requirements of the foregoing warrant, and brought in their votes as follows, viz:

For Governor

John A. Andrew	thirty two votes
Isaac Davis	Six "

For Lieut. Governor

John Nesmith	thirty two "
Edwin C. Bailey	Six "

For Secretary of State

Oliver Warner	thirty two "
Charles Thompson	Six "

For Treasurer

Henry K. Oliver	thirty three "
Emory Sanford	Six

For Auditor

Levi Reed	thirty two "
Moses Bates	Six

For Attorney General

Dwight Foster	thirty two "
Edward F. Avery	Six "

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For Senator

Robert H. Libby of Wellfleet twenty four votes

For Councillor, 8th District.

Eleazer C. Sherman of Plym.th thirty two "

For Clerk of the Courts

Frederick W. Crocker of Ba. thirty six "

For County Commissioner

Joseph H. Sears of Br. thirty four "

For Register of Deeds

Frederick Scudder of Ba. thirty five "

For Representative in Gen. Court.

Asa Hopkins of Eastham thirty one "
Sylvanus Smith " thirteen "
Zara Higgins " four
Henry Knowles " one

For County Treasurer

Gorham Hallet of Barn. thirty five "
(Inserted here by omission.)

The Representative elect for District Number Three is Sylvanus Smith according to the following table.

	Smith	Hopkins	Scattering
Brewster	41	24	
Orleans	58	51	
Eastham	13	31	6
	112	106	

Perambulation of Town Lines in 1861

Between Eastham and Wellfleet.

Beginning at a stone monument at the
head of Indian brook on the Easterly side
of the County Road, marked E. W. thence
E. 62 rods to a pine tree marked E. W. thence
E. 106 rods to a monument marked E. W.
standing on the east side of the cross road
thence E. to a stone monument standing
on the beach marked E. W. thence E. into
the Ocean. — from thence returning to the
stone monument standing at the head of
Indian brook, and from thence westerly
as the aforesaid brook runs to the mouth
of the same, where there is erected a stone
monument on the marsh upon the north-
erly side of said brook, marked E. W. and
from thence due W. across Billingsgate Isla-
nd into Barnstable Bay.

Dated at Eastham
Nov. 6, 1861

Isaac Higgins } Selectmen
Prince S. Harding } of Eastham
Edward Atkins } Selectmen
Robert G. Paine } of Wellfleet
Jeremiah Hawes }

Line between Eastham and Orleans.

Beginning at the mouth of Rock harbor ri
er, thence up the middle of said river to a st
one monument standing on the northerly si
of the river marked E. O. thence N. 5° E. 17
rods 16 links to a stone monument marked
E. O. thence E. 12½° S. 20 rods to the East
side of the road to a stone monument ma
rked E. O. thence N. 58° E. 57 Rods 11 links

to a stone monument marked E. O. thence N. 56° W. 4 rods 20 links to a stone monument marked E. O. thence N. 45° E. 40 rods to a stone monument marked E. O. standing by the edge of the Boat meadow, thence E. 9 rods to Boat meadow river — thence Southerly, in the middle of said river, to the East bridge — thence still Southerly in the Canal, to a large stone on the Easterly side of the Canal, marked E. O. thence running Southerly across the road and through the center of the meadow and swamp and along Jeremiah's Gutter to a stone monument marked E. O. standing on the North side of the County Road — thence across the road Southerly, in Jeremiah's Gutter, runs into the middle of Town Cove — thence down the middle of the Cove to a large stone on the middle of Stoney Island marked E. O. thence E. S. E., to a stone monument marked E. O. on Nawsd beach — thence same course, into the Ocean.

Dated at Eastham, Zara Higgins } Selectmen
November 8. 1861 Prince S. Harding } of Eastham
Joseph Cummings } Selectmen
Calvin Snow } of Orleans.
George W. Cummings }

Annual Town Meeting Feb. 10. 1862

Barnstable ss.

To Joshua Paine, Constable of the
Town of Eastham – Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Monday the tenth day of February next, at ten O. clock in the fore noon then and there to act on the following articles, to wit: –

1st. To choose a moderator to preside in sd. meeting

2d. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

3d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, including one superintending school Committee for the full term.

4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

5th To determine the manner of repairing the highway, town ways and bridges, and keeping the same clear of snow the year ensuing.

6th To determine the manner of supporting the poor the ensuing year.

7th To see what measures the town will adopt for the care protection and improvement of all the town's property the year ensuing.

8th To take some action on disputed bills, should any be presented to the Town for allowance.

9th To hear the report of the School or any other Committee that have a report to make to the town.

10th To take action on the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen, & now submitted to the town for revision and acceptance –

11th. To see what measures the town will adopt for the Collection of taxes the year ensuing.

12th To see if the town think it expedient to have insurance effected on any or all of the town's public buildings. If so, to act generally and fully on that subject, and take some vote on the same.

13th. To see what action the town will take on the
& to be referred to the same court in 1862
act passed by the Gen. Court in 1862, authorising towns to invest in Savings funds, in accordance with the documents submitted.

14th To see if the town will provide convenient out-houses for the school in Dist. No. 3.

By Request.

15th To see if the town will ascertain what are the legal rights of those persons who claim any part of the highway laid out by the County Commissioners or the Selectmen's accepted town ways. By Request.

16th To see if the town will vote to allow any person to set posts in the County Road against their premises so as to leave a side walk four feet wide.

By Request

17th To see if the town will vote for the Prudential School Committee to select and employ the school teachers the ensuing year. By Request.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Methodist Meeting House and one at Prince & Harding's Mechanic Shop two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves or the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty eighth

Ann. Town Meeting Feb. 10. 1862.

day of January in the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty two.

Zara Higgins) Selectmen
Prince S. Harding) of Eastham
Jonathan Snow (

Feb. 10, 1862 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within named.

Joshua Paine, Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the qualified voters of the town met at the time and place noted therein, and acted thereon as follows.

Art. 1 Chose for Moderator. Henry Knowles, & prayer was then offered by Rev. B. H. Bosworth,

Art. 2. The Annual Report of the Selectmen and Treasurer was submitted and accepted.

Chose the following Officers

Town Clerk & Treasurer Herman Doane 2d

Selectmen Zara Higgins - Prince S. Harding
Jonathan Snow - (Sworn.)

Assessors - Michael Collins - Henry Knowles
Josiah Mayo (Sworn).

School Committee for 3 years, Reuben Nickerson [illegible]

Voted - to lay over the choice of Constable and Collector till the money is raised.

A Committee of 5 was appointed by the chair to retire and nominate a list of Town Officers remaining to be chosen.

Art 9. Michael Collins Esq. made a report in the case of J. M. Cobb, under partial insanity the same was accepted and is as follows:

"Points of Law in the case of Jos. M. Cobb.
1st the question of Guardianship, how can it

be granted? This cannot be granted until the person for whom it is asked has fourteen days notice at least of the time and place where he may be heard and defend himself as provided in Chap. 109 Sec. 8th of the General Statutes.

2d Can he dispose of his Real Estate lawfully and clearly? This depends upon two points. 1st the nature and degree of his insanity 2d the manner of the disposition of his Estate. Upon the first point, if he is but moderately insane, and can converse upon the bargain and sale understandingly, and insist upon and obtain a valuable consideration for the thing sold, it is thought he may and that the contract would be valid in law, if these two points could be shown and maintained. 3d Is his real estate holden in law for his support, contrary to his own wishes and those of his family? In brief we say, it is not. In the General Statutes of the Commonwealth it is provided that every householder having a family, shall be entitled in his homestead to the value of eight hundred dollars to exemption and levy on execution sale for payment of debts or other purposes &c. This law is applicable to the case of Mr Cobb we think without reserve and although there are a variety of conditions and preliminaries contained in the Chapter, we think they are not applicable to his case. and the peculiarity and learning in tenancies that are scattered in this chapter are too numerous to be written out in this report, but may be stated verbally so far as seems to be necessary for this case.

Respectfully submitted

M. Collins."

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The Committee to nominate ~~all the~~ minor Town officers reported as follows, which was accepted.

For Surveyors of Highways.

No. 1 Abner Freeman, Lewis Smith
No. 2 Joshua B. Nickerson, Elkanah H. Paine
No. 3. Elisha Cobb
No. 4. Peter Higgins
No. 5 Isaiah H. Horton

Fence Viewers. Joshua Cole, B. H. A. Collins
Field Drivers. Benjamin Walker, Freeman F. Mayo, Thomas Doane, Crowell Doane, Dimmick H. Gill.
Surveyors of Lumber. J. H. Bangs, Daniel Harding
Tythingmen. Nathaniel Doane. F. L. Hatch
Pound Keeper. Thomas Cobb.
Sealer of Weights & Measures. F. L. Hatch,

Art. 5. Voted that the expense of repairing roads and bridges be paid by a labor tax, and that for clearing the same of snow the ensuing year the surveyors draw the money from the Treasury.
Art. 6. Voted that the subject matter of this article be left with the Overseers of the Poor.
Art. 7th Laid on the table.
Art 15th was indefinitely postponed.
Art 16th Indefinitely postponed.
Art. 9th The Selectmen made report concerning Guide Boards. Voted, that the law concerning the same be made Read accordingly, and it was voted that said report be accepted and that the law concerning the same be enforced.
Art. 7 Laid on the Table.

~~The Committee appointed to raise upon a [illegible] bridge money made report, which being amended, was accepted, which is as follows:~~

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"The Selectmen make the following Report on Guide Boards and Posts, in Eastham, which are or will be put up as soon as the frost is out of the ground, to wit— One at the angle of the road near the house of Heman Smith— Two at the fork of the county & town road near the store of E. E. Knowles— One at the fork of the roads near the house of George Seabury— One at or near the Town Hall— One at the fork of the roads near David Higgins house.— One at the fork of the roads near the house of Nehemiah Dean— One near the S. E. corner of Benjamin Walker's salt works.

Respectfully submitted
Eastham Feb. 10, 1862.
Ezra Higgins
Jonathan Snow
Selectmen of Eastham

The Selectmen think there should be another Guide board at the corner near David Higgins."

The committee chosen to raise and apportion the money reported, which being amended, was accepted, and is as follows—

For Winter Schools	$ 550—
" Summer do—	200—
" State & County tax	400—
" Support of Poor	400—
" Clearing roads of snow	200.
" Incidental Expenses	300—
" Road labor tax	250—

Voted— that the money assessed for labor tax be as equally apportioned among the several districts as may be practicable, and that for all over-work on roads there be allowed 12 cts per hour— Voted further— that for all labor in repairing & clearing roads, the price be 12 cts per hour for a man & 8 cts for a horse and cart.

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Art 10. A list of Jurors for 1862 was submitted to the town, and the same was accepted.

Art. 8th A bill of John W. Higgins for land damage in voluntarily widening the road near the Campground, was disallowed

Voted to discount the tax of Joseph W. Cole for [illegible] and W. Harding Myrick tax for 1861 $2

Art. 11. Voted that the collection of taxes for 1862 be set at auction, on condition that the lowest bidder give satisfactory security to the Selectmen to settle with the Treasurer on or before the 1st day of February 1863, and the same was bid off by Henry A. Harding for five mills per cent commission, Balloted for Constable and Henry A. Harding was chosen and sworn. Then balloted for Collector, and Henry A. Harding was chosen,

Art. 12 Voted not to have the Town House and School Houses insured.

Art 13, was indefinitely postponed.

Art. 14, Voted that outbuildings similar to those for No. 2 and 4 with the exception of a cistern be built for School house No. 3, and that the same be built under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art 17. Voted that each District have the privilege of choosing their prudential Committee.

Art 7th Voted that all the town's property with the exception of School houses be under the care and supervision of the Selectmen & that they look up and return to the Clerk's office all missing State Bills between the years 1841 & 61.

Chose F. D. Hatch Sealer of Weights and Measures — and adjourned sine die.

Town Meeting July 23, 1862

To Abner Freeman — of the town of Eastham

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham on Monday the twenty eighth instant at nine o clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles viz;

1st to choose a moderator to preside at s^d meeting.

3^d To see what action the town will take relative to offering any bounty to those that enlist as Volunteers for the army of the United States in accordance with the late [illegible] made in behalf of the Commonwealth, as our part of the quota of this State, and to act generally and fully on the subject as the circumstances require.

4 To see if the town will vote a sum of money to be applied to the relief of the families of any [illegible] volunteers, in accordance with an Act passed March 18, 1862 in aid of families of volunteers, in Chap. Sixty Six of the General Laws of this Commonwealth. *

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Methodist Meeting House and one at [illegible] Blacksmith Shop in said town, two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings

* and 2^d to choose (constable for said town)

War Meeting July 28. 1862

warrant to the Town Clerk or ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid,

Given under our hands this Sevente[illegible] day of July in the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixty two.

Zara Higgins } Selectmen
Prince S. Harding } of
Jonathan Snow } Eastham.

July 1[illegible]. 1862

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public places within named two [illegible] days before the time of holding this meeting.

Abner Freeman

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the qualified voters of the town assembled in their Hall and acted thereon as follows.

Art. 1. Chose Reuben Nickerson for Moderator.

Art. 2d Chose Abner Freeman Constable in place of Henry K. Harding, absent.

Art. 2d A Committee of 5 was appointed by the chair to report to the meeting what sum of money it is necessary to raise to encourage enlistments of soldiers in the service of the United States. Said Com. made the following report = "that the town raise $200 and $25 extra to all the number who enlist within the present week, the number to be four." Voted to add $25 to the bounty [illegible] to [illegible] who enlist within this day, and that the bounty thus voted be paid when they are regularly mustered into service. Voted that the town pay all travelling expenses of volunteers not otherwise provided for by the State

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Voted that the Selectmen be required to hire one thousand dollars to defray the bounty voted above, if it is necessary so to do.

Voted that one of the Board of ~~Selectmen~~ Overseers in Confer with the Adjutant General with the object of getting our town's quota of men reduced from 9 to 4 men, according to our corrected returns.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted. "Resolved that we have heard with feelings of deep emotion the death of Mr. James Winslow Smith, late a citizen and resident of this town, who died in the service of his Country.

Resolved that we sympathise with his ~~bere~~ afflicted relatives and friends in their bereavement, in the death of this estimable and patriotic young man, who died in the defense of our inalienable rights,

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his mother, and published in the Yarmouth Register and Barnstable Patriot."

E. E. Knowles
Mich. Collins
Isaiah H. Horton

Voted - that the 4th art. be left with the Selectmen as Overseers of the Poor.

The Volunteering List was then opened and 4 young men, Francis W. Penniman, Henry Morrison, Peter Higgins, and William A. Gill jr. enrolled their names

Adjd to Saturday next at 3 o'clk P.M.

Adj^d War Meeting July 26, 1862
) ~~July~~ August 2, 1862

Met according to adjournment, and on the report of Mr. [illegible], that he had conferred with the Adjutant General & got our quota of men reduced from [illegible] to 4 men. — Passed the following Resolutions, offered by Mr. Greene 2d

Resolved - that we cherish an unfaltering attachment to the Union and Constitution formed by our patriotic Fathers, and deeply deplore the causes that have produced such an unhappy alienation between the people of the North and the South, which has ripened into a gigantic rebellion and unprecedented civil war.

Resolved that we highly approve the just and patriotic course of the President of the United States in this trying time, amid the pressure of party [illegible], that is exerted on him by the high places of the nation against the wise provisions and requirements of that time honored instrument; and that while he continues to stand firmly on that rock of our Country's salvation, we will stand by and sustain him with all the means in our power, in his efforts to restore our divided and distracted Country to its wonted Union & peace.

Resolved that while we thus pledge our hearty support to the National administration, we deprecate the course of some of our State delegation in Congress, and especially that of one of our United States Senators — for their efforts in this eventful crisis, to change the [illegible]

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the war from national to party purposes, we view it with the sternest disapprobation of their constituents, and of all right minded, conservative, and Union loving men,

Adjourned sine die.

War Meeting, August 25, 1862.

Barnstable ss.

To Abner Freeman, Constable of the town of Eastham, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Eastham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Eastham, on Monday the twenty fifth day of August instant, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz;

First – to choose a moderator for said meeting.

Second – to see what action the town will take ~~to~~ induce men to volunteer for the new quota of nine months men, to save (avoid) drafting if possible.

By Request,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Methodist Meeting House and one at Prince C. Harding's mechanic shop in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town

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Clerk or members, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands [illegible] day of August in the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

Zara Higgins } Selectmen
[illegible] S. [illegible] } of
Eastham } Jonathan Snow } Eastham
Aug. [illegible] 1862.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public places within [illegible] before the time of [illegible] meeting.

Abner Freeman Constable

The qualified voters of the town of Eastham [illegible] time and place [illegible], and acted thereon as follows;

Art. 1. Chose Henry Knowles Moderator.

Art. 2. Chose a Committee of 5 to take into consideration the 2d Art. and make report to the meeting. Said Com. reported to give One hundred and sixty dollars ($160) to each volunteer for 9 months service, which was unanimously accepted. The money [illegible] to be paid [illegible] said volunteers are regularly mustered into service.

The Volunteering List was then opened and 3 young men enrolled their names, viz: [illegible], [illegible] H. [illegible] and Lewis F. Higgins,

Voted - that the list be open till our town's quota be full, or till the time of drafting, and [illegible] the requisite number of men be ta[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Adjd Town Meeting, Aug. 28. 1862
Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to hire the money to carry the foregoing votes into effect, and that the town pay all travelling expenses of rejected volunteers, not otherwise provided for by the State.

Voted that the doings of this meeting be published by the clerk in the Yarmouth Register and Barnstable Patriot.

Adjd to Saturday next at 4 o clk. P. M.

Met according to adjournment, but no business was done but quarrel about the action of the Selectmen in the matter of enlistments, and voting that John Simmons (alias Chase) be accepted as a volunteer, whom the Selectmen had rejected.

Adjd to Thurs., Sept. 4, 4 O'clk. P.M.

Met according to adjournment and heard the report of Mr. Harding, that he accompanied our volunteers to Camp, that they were accepted, and that our town's quota would probably not exceed six, the number sent.

Adjd to Wednesday at 4 P. M.

Met according to adjt and the key of the Hall not being accessible, adjd at the door to Tues. Sept 16, at 4 P. M.

Met according to adjt and adjd again to Tues. next at 4 P. M.

Met according to last adjt. The Chairman of the Selectmen stated that they had received and sent forward 8 men, who were all accepted & mustered in.

Voted—that the Selectmen be instructed to send forward but two more men until the town's quota is ascertained.

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Town Meeting Dec. 5. 1862

Barnstable ss.

To J. Abner Freeman Constable of the town of Eastham — Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Eastham on Friday the fifth day of December next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles viz;

1st to choose a Moderator to preside in sd meeting

2d To see what action the town will adopt by way of offering bounty or otherwise to raise men to fill our large and unexpected quota of nine months for the United States service to help put down this unnatural rebellion and to act generally and fully on this article

3d To see if the town wish to have a Liquor Agent appointed for said town

4th To see if the town will indemnify the Selectmen if no Liq. Agent is appointed should they be fined for neglect:

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] days at least before the time holding sd meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of November in the Year, One thousand

War Meeting Dec. 5, 1862.

and eight hundred and sixty two

Sam'l Higgins }
Prince S. Harding } Selectmen of Eastham
Jonathan Snow }

Nov. 28, 1862. I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] named [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Constable.

Art. 1. Chose Elisha Cobb Moderator.

Art. 2. A discussion ensued on the new apportionment of 9 mos. men, after our quota was certified to be full, by the Adjt. General. It was voted that one the Selectmen go to Boston and enquire into the reason of this new quota, and that they in the meantime receive (Volunteers at the price paid those enlisted.)

Art. 3. Voted not to have a Liquor Agent in town.

Art. 4. Voted to indemnify the Selectmen in case they are fined for neglecting to appoint one.

Adj. to Friday 5th inst. at 10 A. M.

Met according to Adjournment and heard Mr. Harding's report to the effect that in his interview with the authorities at Boston he had succeeded in getting our quota reduced from 8 to 7 men — that he had promised on behalf of the town to pay $180 for Volunteers to fill the town &c. A motion to accept said report was amended by offering $200* to Volunteers from our own town, provided they come forward immediately and enroll their names. A considerable number of young men were in the hall, but none came forward. It was then voted to accept the report of Mr. Harding and pay $180 to men who will enlist for us in Boston or elsewhere. Adjourned sine die.

* This amendment was voted unanimously

Adjd to Tues. next at 4 O clk. P. M.
Met pursuant to adjt and adjd again to Tues. Oct. 7 at 4 P. M.
Met according to last adjt & the Moderator being absent M. Clark was chosen Moderator pro tem. The Selectmen stated that they have sent forward ten men — the quota of the town as claimed by the Adjutant General is twenty one men. Credit is given the town for 6 in addition making in all 16 and the balance due from the town 5 men.

Adjd to Tues. Oct. 13 at 4 P. M.

Oct. 13, 1862 Met according to adjt when the Chairman of the Selectmen stated that they had obtained no new Volunteers since our last meeting, Voted that one of the Selectmen confer with the Adjutant General in regard to some dubious points in the matter of enlistments.

Adjd to Sat. next at 3 P. M.

Saturday Oct 18. Met according to adjournment, The Selectmen would report that they ascertained from the Adjt Gen. that the town quota was full, and that no drafting would be required until a requisition for more men was made.

Adjd to Tues. Nov. 4, at 3 O clk. P. M.

Nov. 4, 1862 Town meeting resumed after the closing of the Polls. Voted that if any more men are called for, that the Selectmen enlist them on the same conditions offered to previous 9 months volunteers.

Adjd sine die Amen.

State Election Nov. 4. 1862.

Barnstable ss.

To Abner Freeman Constable of the town of Eastham. Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Eastham, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in Eastham on Tuesday the fourth day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month, at ten O clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, open or in sealed envelopes, at the option of each voter — to wit: — For a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer & Receiver General, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, of the Commonwealth, One Councillor for the Eighth Council District. One Senator for the Cape District, a District Attorney for the Southern District, a Representative in Congress for Dist. No. One, a Sheriff for the County of Barnstable, and three Commissioners of Insolvency for the County of Barnstable — all on one ballot.

One County and two Special County Commissioners — all on one ballot.

One Representative in the General Court for the Third Barnstable County Representative District — on one ballot. All of the above officers to be voted for at the same time & place. The polls are to be opened at half past ten o clk, in the forenoon of the abovenamed day.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at one at the Methodist Meet

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ing house, and one at Prince S. Harding's Mechanic shop, two public days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings hereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.)

Given under our hands this twenty second day of October, in the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

Zara Higgins } Selectm
Prince S. Harding } en of
Jonathan Snow } Eastham

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the within named places, two public days before the time of holding this meeting.

Abner Freeman Constable.

The qualified voters of the town of Eastham assembled pursuant to the foregoing warrant, and brought in their votes as follows =

For Governor
{ John A. Andrew forty four votes
{ Charles Devens Jr. forty-eight "

For Lieut Governor
{ Joel Hayden forty five votes
{ Thomas F. Plunkett forty five "

For Secretary of State
{ Oliver Warner forty five "
{ Nathaniel B. Shurtleff forty six "

For State Treasurer
{ Henry K. Oliver - forty five "
{ Daniel Saunders Jr. forty five "

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For Auditor.

Levi Reed — forty-five votes
Charles Kimball forty seven "

For Attorney General "

Dwight Foster forty five "
Henry W. Paine forty six "

For Rep.e in Congress

Thomas D. Eliot of N. Bed.d forty four "
Daniel Fisher of Edgar.n forty six "

For State Senator.

Robert H. Libby of Well.t forty five "
Eben.r S. Smith of Prov.n forty eight "

For Councillor.

Samuel Osborn Jr. of Edg.n forty four "
Oliver C. Swift of Fal. forty four "

For District Attorney

George Marston of Barn. thirty eight "
Horatio Pratt of Taun. forty four "

For Sheriff.

Charles C. Bearse of Barn. fifty "
David Bursley of Barn. forty five "

For Com.rs of Insolvency

H. W. Underwood of Dennis forty five "
Geo. A. King of Barnstable forty five "
Joseph Young of Chatham forty five "
John Kenrick of Orleans forty seven "
William Nevins of Fal.th forty seven "
John Kenney of Truro forty seven "

For County Commissioner

Daniel Paine of Truro forty nine "
Collins S. Cole of Wellfleet thirty nine "

For Spec.l Commissioners.

James B. Crocker of Yarm.th forty nine "
Isaac Bea of Chatham — fifty "
Ebenr. Bacon of Barn. — thirty nine "
Elijah May of Eastham — Thirty "

For Rep. in Gen. Court - Truman Doane of Orleans 92 S. P. Harding of Eastham 30 votes

Special War Record. – 1862

List of Nine Months Volunteers for three years, with the Notes and Cash paid by the Selectmen to them, their parents or Guardians agreeably to a vote of the town

Henry T. Morrison
Peter Higgins
Nathan A. Gill
Francis W. Penniman
} Co. H. 33 Reg^t

Notes.

Note given to Henry T. Morrison – Aug. 5. 1862
as a Bounty voted by the town – $ 250.00

Note given to Peter Higgins – Aug. 5 1862
as a Bounty voted by town – $ 250.00
Paid on s^d Note Aug. 5. 1862 – $ 150.00

A Note given to Nathan A. Gill Aug 5. 1862
as a Bounty voted by the town – $ 250.00
Paid on s^d Note Aug. 5. 1862 $ 50.00

A Note given to Daniel Penniman Aug 5, '62
as a Bounty voted by the town $ 250.00
Paid on s^d Note Aug. 5. 1862 – $ 2.00

To meet the payment in Cash as is paid on the notes of Peter Higgins Nathan A. Gill & Daniel Penniman the Selectmen have given a receipt to Heman Doane 2^d the Town Clerk for $ 202.00 of Barnabas Lombards money

Dated August 5. 1862 and Signed

Isaac Higgins
Prince S. Harding
Jonathan Snow
} Select men of Eastham

List of Nine Months Volunteers with the Notes and Cash paid by the Selectmen to them, their parents or Guardians, by vote of the town Aug. 25. 1862

Names of Volunteers.

Alonzo N. Bearse Samuel Snow } Co. E.
Daniel P. Hopkins Alvan L. Crowell } 43 R.
George H. Collins James T. Connell } Regt
John S. Chase Charles H. Hodson
William M. Hopkins Co. C. 47 Regt. }
Albert F. Dill

" { Note given to Michael Collins Sept. 8 1862
{ as a Bounty to his son George $160. 00

{ A Note given to Joshua Y. Bearse
{ Guardian for Alonzo Bearse — Sept. 8. 1862
{ As a Bounty to sd Alonzo — $ 160. 00
{ Paid on the above note Sept. 8 '62 $ 80 00

{ A Note given to Daniel P. Hopkins
{ Sept. 8, 1862 $ 160. 00
{ Paid on the above note Sept 8. '62 $ 25 00
{ Paid to Mrs. Catharine Hopkins
{ per order of Daniel P. Hopkins
{ as her endorsement thereon — $ 25 00

{ Note given to John S. Chase Sept 8, '62
{ as a Bounty voted by sd town $ 160. 00
{ Paid on sd note Sept. 8. 1862 $ 100. 00

{ A Note given to William M. Hopkins
{ Sept. 8, 1862 as a Bounty voted by sd
{ town — — — $ 160. 00
{ Paid on sd note Sept. 8, 1862 $ 95. 00

(Over)

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Note given to Albert F. Dill Sept. 22, 1862
as a bounty voted by said town for $160.00
Paid on the said note Sept 22, 1862 $40.00
" " " Oct 23 1862 — $20 00
" to Susan M. Dill on Albert F.
Dill's note as per order — $10.00

A Note given to Samuel Snow Sept. 29, 1862
as a Bounty voted by the town for $160.00
Paid on the said note Sept 29, 1862 - $110 00

A Note given to Alonzo L. Doane Sept 29/62
as a Bounty voted by said town — for $160.00
Paid on the said note Sept 29, 1862 $60.00

A Note given to John Connell Oct. 7, 1862
as a bounty voted by said town $160.00
for his son James Connell —
(Afterwards paid & settled)

To cash paid Myrick C. Horton for his son
Charles M. Horton for volunteering in Eastham
to help fill the quota of said town as voted
by the town as per receipt for the same $160 00

To meet the cash payments as above stated.
We the Selectmen have hired and given Notes
as follows

Sept. 4, 1862	to Jesse Collins	on demand	$100.00
" 8 "	to Geo. Seabury	" "	$105 —
" " "	to J. W. Higgins	" "	$50 —
" 24 "	to John Doane	" "	$160 —
" 29 "	Lincoln F. Cobb —	" "	$150 —
Oct. 6 "	Jesse Collins —	" "	$60 —
" 14 "	Henry Knowles —	" "	$100 —
" 21 "	Crowell Doane	" "	$100 —
Nov 4 "	Henry Doane —	" "	$50 —

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List of Men recruited at Boston in the 13th Battery – 3 years' Men.#

James Kearny — Peter Dunn
David Sullivan — John Clark
Matthew Wilson — George Hall
John Riley

# Returned by the Chairman of the Select men.

"Town of Eastham through its Selectmen bought in Boston Dec. 8, 1862 seven Volunteers for the U. States service under the new apportionment in Schedule A. and mustered into the 13th Battery – paying each man $180. Aggregate amount paid as per bill. $1260 00

To meet the payments of the above amount the Selectmen of S. Eastham (or their successors) have given notes on demand for said amount".

For Loans, see Treasurer's Book p. 360

Clerk or to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid;

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty two.

Zara Higgins } Selectmen
Prince S. Harding } of
Jonathan Snow } Eastham

Eastham Aug. 16. 1862. I have notified the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public places within named two [illegible] days before the time of holding said meeting.

Abner Freeman { Constable.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the qualified voters of the town of Eastham assembled at the time & place appointed, and acted thereon as follows;

1. Chose Henry Knowles Moderator.
2. A committee of five was chosen to take the second art. into consideration and make report to the meeting, which com. reported to raise one hundred and sixty ($160) to each volunteer for nine months service, which was unanimously accepted, the money to be paid (or notes if they so desire) when they are regularly mustered into service. The volunteering list was then opened for signatures, and three young men viz: Alonzo Bearse, George H. Cole and Daniel P. Hopkins, came forward and enrolled their names.

Voted that the list be open for signatures till the town's quota is full or the

the time of drafting, and that the requisite number be taken from the first names on the list, and the remainder, if any, be reserved for any future emergency.)

Voted – that the Selectmen be authorized to hire a sufficient sum of money to carry the above vote into effect, and that the town pay all expenses of rejected volunteers not otherwise provided for by the State.

Voted – that the doings of this meeting be published by the Clerk in the Yarmouth Register & Barnstable Patriot.

Adj^{a} to Saturday next at 4 O'ck. P.M.

Met according to adjournment – but nothing was done save quarrelling with the Selectmen for not receiving certain volunteers whom they considered not able bodied men, and for other reasons.

Adj^{a} to Thurs. Sept. 4. at 4 P.M.

Dog Registered & Licensed under the Act of 1859 — May 1. 1859 — May 1. 1860

No.	Owners name	Description	Sex	Fe
1	J. W. Nickerson	Yellow & white	m	$1
2	Eldad A. Higgins	Large black	m.	$1 —
3	Isaiah H. Horton	Small blk & yellow	m	$1
4	Wm. M. Hopkins	Large black	m	$1
5	Scotto P. Bangs	Large blk & Yellow	m.	$1
6	A. M. Horton	Large blk & white	m.	$1
7	Joshua W. Higgins	Large red & white	m.	$1
8	David Higgins	Large black	m.	$1
9	Zara Higgins	Small red & white	m	$1
10	Nehemiah Doane	Large brindled	m.	$1
11	John Myrick	Large red	m.	$1
12	Harding Myrick	Large red	m.	$1
13	William Wareham	Large blk & white	m	$1
14	Peter W. Higgins	medium black	m	$1
15	Thomas Snow	medium black	m	$1
16	E. E. Knowles	Large black	m.	$1
17	Jas. S. Hatch	black & white	m	$1
18	Sylvanus C. Hatch	Large red	m.	$1
19	Timothy Mayo Jr.	Medium blk	m.	$1
20	Joshua Cole Jr	Large yellow	m.	$1
21	Benaiah S. Higgins	Small blk	m.	$1
22	Benjamin Doane	med. Chesnut	m.	$1
23	Edmund F Knowles	Small blk	m.	$1
24	Ezekiel Brown	Small blk. & white	m	$1
25	Joel M. Brewer	Small blk	m.	$1
26	Benj. Atwood	Large black	m.	$1
27	Sylvanus Doane	Smll. brindl.	m.	$1
28	Hosea H. Dill	Large black	m	$1
29	Lewis Smith	Small yel. & white	m	$1
30	Heman Smith	Small black	m.	$1
31	Philip Smith	Large Sandy col.d	m.	$1
32	Daniel Cole	Large Sandy col.d	m.	$1
33	Richd. F. Smith	Small red & white	m.	$1

No	Owners name	Description	Sex	Fee
34	Parker Brown	Large Blk	male	$1 c
35	Nathl. Smith	Large blk & white	m	$1
36	Solomon T. Cobb	Large black	m	$1
37	Rowland Doane	Large blk & white	m.	$1
38	Cammi Higgins	small blk & white	m	$1
39	Josiah Lincoln	Large black	m.	$1
40	Myrick Clark	Large dark	m	$1
41	Samuel Sparrow	Small white	m.	$1
42	Thos. P. Nickerson	Large blk	m.	$1
43	Michael Collins	Large sandy	m.	$1
				$43 c –

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No — When Reg. — fee recd

1 John Walker – large black and white male dog Feb 18 = $1 –

2 Daniel Cole – large yellow and white male Dog. Mar. 13 – $1 –

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